

4723-27-04 Certification as a Medication Aide

(A) For purposes of the pilot program authorized by section 4723.63 of the Revised Code, for the period beginning May 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, the board shall issue a pilot program medication aide certificate to qualified applicants.

(1) An applicant for a pilot program medication aide certificate shall satisfy all of the following:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Have a high school diploma or a high school equivalence diploma as described in 5107.40 of the Revised Code;
- (c) If the applicant is to function as a certified medication aide in a nursing home, be a nurse aide who satisfies the requirements of division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (8) of section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;
- (d) If the applicant is to function as a certified medication aide in a residential care facility be either:
 - (i) A nurse aide who satisfies the requirements of division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (8) of section 3721.32 of the Revised Code; or
 - (ii) Have at least one year of direct care experience in a residential care facility;
- (e) Have submitted a completed application on the form specified by the board;
- (f) The board has received the results of a criminal records check in accordance with division (B)(1) or has received a certified copy of the results of a records check conducted within five years prior to the date the application is submitted in accordance with division (B)(2) of section 4723.65 of the Revised Code, completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, including a federal bureau of investigation records check, indicating that the applicant has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any violation referenced in division (A)(6) of section 4723.651 of the Revised Code;
- (g) The board has received written verification that the applicant has successfully completed the approved medication aide training program, including a statement that the applicant has passed a board approved examination.

(2) The holder of a pilot program medication aide certificate is authorized to function as a certified medication aide only in those nursing homes or residential care facilities participating in the medication aide pilot program.

(3) The holder of a pilot program medication aide certificate who is not a state tested nurse aide but who qualifies for a pilot program medication aide certificate under paragraph (A)(1)(d)(ii) of this rule, may only function as a certified medication aide in residential care facilities participating in the pilot program.

(4) A pilot program medication aide certificate shall be valid, unless the certificate is made inactive or if disciplinary action has rendered it invalid, from the date of issuance until June 30, 2007 at which time a certificate holder may apply for an interim certificate in accordance with paragraph (B) of this rule.

(B) For the period beginning on July 1, 2007 and ending on April 30, 2008, the board shall issue an interim medication aide certificate to qualified applicants.

(1) Applicants for an interim medication aide certificate shall satisfy the conditions for certification set forth in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule.

(2) If an applicant for an interim medication aide certificate previously held a pilot program medication aide certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule, the applicant is not required to obtain an additional criminal records check or a certified copy of a criminal check report, and the board will not require another statement verifying completion of a medication aide training program.

(3) In addition to a completed application for an interim medication aide certificate, an applicant shall submit to the board the fee required by paragraph (A)(1) of rule 4723-27-10.

(4) The holder of an interim medication aide certificate who is not a state tested nurse aide but who qualifies for a medication aide certificate under paragraph (A)(1)(d)(ii) of this rule, may only function as a certified medication aide in residential care facilities.

(5) An interim medication aide certificate shall be valid, unless the certificate is made inactive or if disciplinary action has rendered it invalid, from the date on which it is issued until April 30, 2008, at which time a holder may apply for a medication aide certificate in accordance with paragraph (C) of this rule.

(C) Beginning on May 1, 2008, the board shall issue a medication aide certificate to qualified applicants.

(1) Applicants for a medication aide certificate shall satisfy the conditions for certification set forth in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule.

(2) If an applicant for a medication aide certificate previously held a pilot program medication aide certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule, or an interim medication aide certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (B) of this rule, the applicant is not required to obtain an additional criminal records check or a certified copy of a criminal check report, and the board will not require another statement verifying completion of a medication aide training program.

(3) In addition to a completed application for a medication aide certificate, an applicant shall submit to the board the fee for a medication aide certificate set forth in paragraph (A)(2) of rule 4723-27-10.

(4) The holder of a medication aide certificate who is not a state tested nurse aide but who qualifies for a medication aide certificate under paragraph (A)(1)(d)(ii) of this rule, may only function as a certified medication aide in residential care facilities.

(5) Medication aide certificates shall be renewed biennially in accordance with rule 4723-27-05 and shall be valid from May first of even numbered years until April thirtieth of the following even numbered year.

(6) If a medication aide certificate is issued by the board on or after February first of an even numbered year, the certificate shall be valid, unless the certificate is made inactive or if disciplinary action has rendered it invalid, through April thirtieth of the next even numbered year.

(D) Certification as a medication aide shall be evidenced by all of the following:

(1) Verification of certification on the board website;

(2) Issuance by the board of a wallet sized document indicating that the holder is certified by the Ohio board of nursing as a medication aide;

(3) For applicants issued a pilot program medication aide certificate, the website verification and wallet sized document shall indicate that the holder is authorized to function as a certified medication aide only in facilities participating in the pilot program;

(4) For holders of a pilot program medication aide certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule, an interim medication aide certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (B) of this rule, or a medication aide certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (C) of this rule, who are authorized to function as a certified medication aide only in residential care facilities:

(a) The website verification and the wallet sized document shall clearly indicate this limitation;

- (b) If the certificate holder has, following certification, satisfied the requirements of division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (8) of section 3721.32 of the Revised Code, the holder may submit documentation to the board and a written request that the holder's certification be amended to allow the holder to function as a medication aide in nursing home facilities or residential care facilities.

If the board determines that the certificate holder has submitted valid documentation, the board shall issue the holder a new wallet size document and amend website verification to reflect the amended status of the certificate holder.

(E) If through no fault of the board, an applicant for a medication aide certificate is not determined eligible for certification within one year of receipt of that application, the application shall be considered void and the fee forfeited.

(F) The Board shall not endorse applicants who have been licensed or certified as medication aides in jurisdictions other than Ohio.