<u>4723-23-03</u> <u>Dialysis technician certificate</u>.

- (A) To obtain a certificate to practice as an Ohio certified dialysis technician an applicant who meets the qualifications set forth in section 4723.75 of the Revised Code shall:
 - (1) Submit an application on a form specified by the board, located at http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/forms.htm (revised October 2013), that includes the name and address of each dialysis training program approved by the board in which the applicant has been enrolled and the dates during which the applicant was enrolled in each program;
 - (2) Submit an application fee of thirty-five dollars; and
 - (3) As required by section 4723.75 of the Revised Code, submit to a criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the results of which indicate that the individual has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any violation set forth in section 4723.092 of the Revised Code.
- (B) Prior to the board determining an applicant is eligible for a dialysis technician certificate, the board must receive documentation that demonstrates the applicant is competent to practice as a dialysis technician. This may be established by one of the following routes:

(1) The board has received:

- (a) Written notice of the applicant's successful completion of a dialysis technician training program, approved by the board under section 4723.74 of the Revised Code, submitted directly by the program administrator or designee;
- (b) Written attestation, submitted directly to the board by the applicant's employer or employers, that the applicant has performed dialysis care for not less than twelve months immediately prior to the date of application for certification; and
- (c) Written notice, submitted to the board directly by a testing organization approved by the board, that the applicant has passed a certification examination demonstrating competence to perform dialysis care not later than eighteen months after successfully completing a dialysis training program approved by the board under section 4723.74 of the Revised Code, as required by division (B)(1)(b) of section 4723.75 of the Revised Code. For purposes of calculating the eighteen-month period, the board shall subtract the total amount of time the applicant was enrolled in one or more training programs approved by the board from the eighteen-month period.

(2) The board has received:

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(a) Written notice, submitted to the board directly by a testing organization approved by the board, that the applicant has passed a certification examination in another jurisdiction demonstrating competence to perform dialysis care;

- (b) Written attestation, submitted directly to the board by the applicant's employer or employers, that the applicant has been employed to perform dialysis care in another jurisdiction for not less than twelve months immediately prior to the date of application for certification; and
- (c) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed two contact hours of education that is directly related to Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code or rules adopted by the board, and that meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (C) of rule 4723-14-01 of the Administrative Code for category A education.

For purposes of this paragraph, the word "immediately" means not more than sixty days prior to the date the individual submits an application for a dialysis technician certificate to the board.

- (C) If an applicant for a dialysis technician certificate under paragraph (B)(1) of this rule did not pass the certification examination within the eighteen-month period required by division (B)(1)(b) of section 4723.75 of the Revised Code, as calculated according to paragraph (B)(1)(c) of this rule, the applicant is not eligible to be certified as a dialysis technician by the board unless the applicant repeats the entire training and application process, as follows:
 - (1) The applicant enrolls in or re-enrolls in, and successfully completes, a dialysis training program approved by the board under section 4723.74 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) The applicant applies for and is issued a dialysis technician intern certificate as set forth in section 4723.76 of the Revised Code and rule 4723-23-02 of the Administrative Code;
 - (3) The applicant submits an application to the board, as specified in paragraph (A) of this rule, including submitting another criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the results of which indicate that the individual has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any violation set forth in section 4723.092 of the Revised Code;
 - (4) The applicant meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule.

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(D) If an applicant for a certificate to practice as an Ohio certified dialysis technician is not determined eligible for a certificate within two year from receipt of the application, the application shall be considered void and the fee forfeited. The application form shall state the circumstances under which this forfeiture may occur.

- (E) A certificate to practice as an Ohio certified dialysis technician shall be considered current until the next scheduled renewal period for an Ohio certified dialysis technician certificate. When a certificate to practice as an Ohio certified dialysis technician is issued on or after January first of an odd numbered year, that certificate shall be considered current through March thirty-first of the next odd numbered year.
- (F) The board may propose to deny certification as a dialysis technician pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Based on the results of the adjudication, the board may issue the certificate, deny certification, or condition certification on the applicant's successful correction of the area of deficiency identified by the board.

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