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**Medication aide certification.**

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (G) of rule 4723-1-03 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) To be issued a medication aide certificate the following requirements must be met:

- (1) The applicant must be at least eighteen years of age;
- (2) The applicant must have a high school diploma or a high school equivalence diploma as described in section 5107.40 of the Revised Code;
- (3) If the applicant is to function as a certified medication aide in a nursing home, the applicant must be a nurse aide who satisfies the requirements of division (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), (A)(4), (A)(5), (A)(6), or (A)(8) of section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;
- (4) If the applicant is to function as a certified medication aide in a residential care facility the applicant must be either:
  - (a) A nurse aide who satisfies the requirements of division (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), (A)(4), (A)(5), (A)(6), or (A)(8) of section 3721.32 of the Revised Code; or
  - (b) The applicant must have at least one year of direct care experience in a residential care facility;
- (5) The applicant must submit a completed "Medication Aide Application";
- (6) The board must receive the results of a criminal records check conducted according to section 4723.091 of the Revised Code;
- (7) The board must receive written verification that the applicant has successfully completed an approved medication aide training program, and documentation indicating applicant passed a board approved examination. The minimum passing grade on the written component of a board-approved examination shall be eighty per cent. A student must successfully complete each of the skills evaluation tasks included in the clinical component of a board-approved examination in order to pass; and
- (8) The applicant shall submit to the board the fee for a medication aide certificate required by paragraph (A)(1) of rule 4723-27-10 of the Administrative Code.

- (B) 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)(4)(b) of this rule, may only function as a certified medication aide in residential care facilities.
- (1) If the certificate holder has, following certification, satisfied the requirements of division (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), (A)(4), (A)(5), (A)(6), or (A)(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.
  - (2) If the board determines that the certificate holder has submitted valid documentation, the board shall amend website verification to reflect the amended status of the certificate holder.
- (C) Medication aide certificates shall be renewed biennially according to rule 4723-27-05 of the Administrative Code, and shall be valid from May first of even numbered years until April thirtieth of the following even numbered year.
- (D) 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.
- (E) An individual who holds a current, valid medication aide certificate issued by the board under section 4723.651 of the Revised Code and this chapter, may use the title "medication aide-certified" and the initials "MA-C."
- (F) If an applicant fails to meet the requirements for certification within one year of receipt of their application, the application is void and the fee forfeited. The application form shall state the circumstances under which this forfeiture may occur.
- ~~(G) The board shall not endorse applicants who have been licensed or certified as medication aides in jurisdictions other than Ohio.~~

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