

4723-27-04

**Certification as a medication aide.**

(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 application on the form required by the board;
- (6) The board must receive the results of a criminal records check conducted according to division (B)(1) of section 4723.65 of the Revised Code, or have received a certified copy of the results of a records check conducted within five years prior to the date the application is submitted according to division (B)(2) of section 4723.65 of the Revised Code, completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. For applicants who have not lived in this state for at least five years, the check shall include a federal bureau of investigation records check. The records check required by this paragraph shall indicate 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;
- (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; 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, 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 is void and the fee forfeited.

(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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