



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4723.651 Eligibility for medication aide certificate - issuance - duration.

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(A) To be eligible to receive a medication aide certificate, an applicant shall meet all of the following conditions:

(1) Be at least eighteen years of age;

(2) Have a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence as defined in section 5107.40 of the Revised Code;

(3) Successfully complete the course of instruction provided by a training program approved under section 4723.66 of the Revised Code;

(4) Meet the requirements for providing direct care under section 4723.69 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, if an applicant meets the requirements specified in division (A) of this section, the board of nursing shall issue a medication aide certificate to the applicant.

(C) The board shall issue a medication aide certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a certificate or license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a medication aide in a state that does not issue that certificate or license.

(D) A medication aide certificate is valid for two years. The certificate may be renewed. All of the following apply to renewal:



(1) The board shall provide each holder of a medication aide certificate the option to renew through the mail or by accessing, completing, and submitting a renewal application online. The board is not required to provide an individual such options if it is aware that the holder is ineligible for renewal.

(2) To be eligible for renewal, an applicant shall do all of the following:

(a) Submit on or before the thirtieth day of April of an even-numbered year a completed renewal application;

(b) Pay the renewal fee in an amount as follows:

(i) For an application submitted on or before the first day of March of an even-numbered year, fifty dollars;

(ii) For an application submitted after the first day of March, but before the first day of May, of an even-numbered year, one hundred dollars.

(c) Demonstrate to the board that the applicant successfully completed eight contact hours that included at least the following:

(i) One hour directly related to this chapter and any rules adopted under it;

(ii) One hour directly related to establishing and maintaining professional boundaries;

(iii) Six hours related to medications or the administration of prescription medications.