



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) If the applicant is to practice as a 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;

(4) If the applicant is to practice as a medication aide in a residential care facility, 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 or an individual who has at least one year of direct care experience in a residential care facility;

(5) If the applicant is to practice as a medication aide in an ICF/IID, 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 or an individual who has at least one year of direct care experience in an ICF/IID;

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

(7) Not be ineligible for licensure or certification in accordance with section 4723.092 of the Revised Code;

(8) Have not committed any act that is grounds for disciplinary action under section 3123.47 or



4723.28 of the Revised Code or be determined by the board to have made restitution, been rehabilitated, or both;

(9) Meet all other requirements for a medication aide certificate established in rules adopted 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. If a medication aide certificate is issued to an individual on the basis of having at least one year of direct care experience working in a residential care facility, as provided in division (A)(4) of this section, the certificate is valid for use only in a residential care facility. If a medication aide certificate is issued to an individual on the basis of having at least one year of direct care experience working in an ICF/IID, as provided in division (A)(5) of this section, the certificate is valid for use only in an ICF/IID. The board shall state the limitation on the certificate issued to the individual.

(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, unless earlier suspended or revoked. The certificate may be renewed in accordance with procedures specified by the board in rules adopted under section 4723.69 of the Revised Code. To be eligible for renewal, an applicant shall pay the renewal fee established in the rules and meet all renewal qualifications specified in the rules.