

Pharmacy Technician Regulation News

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37 NL Pharmacy Assistants Now on the Track to Regulation

An additional 12 Pharmacy Assistants have now completed the PEBC Evaluating Exam. They join the 25 assistants who had passed the exam previously. Congratulations to all those who now have this critical step in the regulation process completed! For those of you who are interested in the process but have not yet applied to write the PEBC Evaluating Exam, please visit the PEBC website at www.pebc.ca. Upcoming sittings have been set for St. John's, Grand Falls-Windsor and Corner Brook according to the following schedule. Be advised that a minimum of 10 applicants is usually required for the exam to be held in each location.

	Exam Date	Application Deadline
Fall 2011	Saturday, October 1, 2011	Closed
Spring 2012	Sunday, April 15, 2012	Monday, January 16, 2012
Fall 2012	Saturday, September 29, 2012	Tuesday, July 3, 2012

Other News

- We continue to answer questions from assistants in various stages in the process - some are just now trying to decide what to do next while others have already begun taking bridging program courses. These courses continue to be available online through schools in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia (the complete list is available on the NLPB website under [Pharmacy Technician Regulation](#)). We had been hopeful that an agreement to deliver a national bridging program would be reached this year - but unfortunately this now seems unlikely. The group originally responsible for developing the program and who now delivers it in ON, AB and BC has decided that it would not be viable for them to deliver a national program. Our national committee still intends for all aspects of bridging to be available nationally and continues to look for ways to enable us to bring it to all provinces.
- The National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) has circulated a draft *Model Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacy Technicians* to a number of national and provincial organizations for consultation. This document, once finalized, will likely form the basis for Pharmacy Technician scope of practice in most provinces. It is based on the NAPRA document, [Pharmacy Technician Competencies at Entry to Practice](#) which formed the basis for the curriculum at most CCAPP-accredited Pharmacy Technician training programs.

Pharmacy Assistant Contact List

If you have not already done so, please sign up for [our contact list](#) by completing and faxing the form below to 753-8615 or by emailing the information to aokeefe@nlpb.ca. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up and sent in questions!

Please add my name to the Pharmacy Technician Regulation mailing list:

Full Name

Email address

Workplace (Pharmacy / Hospital Name)