

## DRAFT General Regulation 256/24 of the Pharmacy Act

### Clause by Clause Comparison of Proposed Amendments

Existing Clause	Proposed New Clause	Rationale
<p><b>12.</b> (1) In addition to the requirements in section 8, the following requirements apply to the issuance of a certificate of registration as an intern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant must satisfy the educational requirements of paragraph 1 of subsection 10 (1).</li> <li>2. The applicant must have obtained the degree referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 10 (1) no more than two years prior to submitting an application for the issuance of a certificate of registration as an intern, but this time limit does not apply if the applicant successfully completed the qualifying examination of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada for pharmacists, or another examination approved by Council, within two years prior to submitting an application for the issuance of a certificate of registration as an intern.</li> </ol>	<p><b>12.</b> (1) In addition to the requirements in section 8, the following requirements apply to the issuance of a certificate of registration as an intern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant must satisfy the educational requirements of paragraph 1 of subsection 10 (1).</li> <li>2. The applicant must have obtained the <a href="#">degree requirements</a> referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 10 (1) no more than two years prior to submitting an application for the issuance of a certificate of registration as an intern, but this time limit does not apply if the applicant successfully completed the qualifying examination of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada for pharmacists, or another examination approved by Council, within two years prior to submitting an application for the issuance of a certificate of registration as an intern.</li> </ol>	<p>Housekeeping amendment to align paragraphs 1 &amp; 2</p>
<p><b>50.</b> (1) For the purposes of paragraph 2 of subsection 4 (1) of the Act, a member referred to in subsection (2) of this section who meets all the requirements in subsection (4) is authorized to perform the following acts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administering a substance specified in Schedule 1 by injection.</li> <li>2. Administering a substance specified in Schedule 2 by inhalation.</li> <li>3. Administering a vaccine specified in Schedule 3 by injection.</li> </ol> <p>(2) A Part A pharmacist or an intern is authorized to perform an act provided for in subsection (1), subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on their certificate of registration.</p> <p>(3) A pharmacy technician who meets all the requirements in subsection (6) is authorized to perform an act provided for in paragraph 3 of subsection (1), but only with respect to the influenza vaccine, respiratory syncytial virus vaccine and Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on their certificate of registration.</p>	<p><b>50.</b> (1) For the purposes of paragraph 2 of subsection 4 (1) of the Act, a member referred to in subsection (2) of this section who meets all the requirements in subsection (4) is authorized to perform the following acts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administering a substance specified in Schedule 1 by injection.</li> <li>2. Administering a substance specified in Schedule 2 by inhalation.</li> <li>3. Administering a vaccine specified in Schedule 3 by injection</li> </ol> <p>(2) A Part A pharmacist or an intern is authorized to perform an act provided for in subsection (1), subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on their certificate of registration.</p> <p>(3) A <a href="#">Part A</a> pharmacy technician <a href="#">or an intern technician</a> who meets all the requirements in subsection (6) is authorized to perform an act provided for in paragraph 3 of subsection (1), <del>but only with respect to the influenza vaccine, respiratory syncytial virus vaccine and Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines and</del> subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on their certificate of registration.</p>	<p>To allow Part A pharmacy technicians and intern technicians to administer all the vaccines specified in Schedule 3</p>

<p>(4) A member referred to in subsection (2) may only perform an act provided for in subsection (1) if the member complies with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Before performing the act, the member must explain the purpose of the act to the patient or the patient's authorized agent and receive an informed consent from the patient or the patient's authorized agent.</li> <li>2. The member shall ensure that the member only performs the act in an environment that is clean, safe, private and comfortable for the patient.</li> <li>3. The member shall ensure that appropriate infection control procedures are in place.</li> <li>4. The member must possess sufficient knowledge, skill and judgment respecting the substance to be administered, and sufficient understanding of the condition of the patient, to be able to administer the substance safely.</li> <li>5. The member must consider whether administering a substance by injection or inhalation to the patient is appropriate, given the known risks and benefits to the patient and the safeguards and resources available to safely manage the outcome after administration and any other relevant circumstances.</li> <li>6. The member must maintain a patient record that includes, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the name and address of the patient,</li> <li>ii. the name and address of the member,</li> <li>iii. the date the act was performed,</li> <li>iv. the name, strength (where applicable) and quantity of the substance that the member administered to the patient,</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>(4) A member referred to in subsection (2) may only perform an act provided for in subsection (1) if the member complies with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Before performing the act, the member must explain the purpose of the act to the patient or the patient's authorized agent and receive an informed consent from the patient or the patient's authorized agent.</li> <li>2. The member shall ensure that the member only performs the act in an environment that is clean, safe, private and comfortable for the patient.</li> <li>3. The member shall ensure that appropriate infection control procedures are in place.</li> <li>4. The member must possess sufficient knowledge, skill and judgment respecting the substance to be administered, and sufficient understanding of the condition of the patient, to be able to administer the substance safely.</li> <li>5. The member must consider whether administering a substance by injection or inhalation to the patient is appropriate, given the known risks and benefits to the patient and the safeguards and resources available to safely manage the outcome after administration and any other relevant circumstances.</li> <li>6. The member must maintain a patient record that includes, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the name and address of the patient,</li> <li>ii. the name and address of the member,</li> <li>iii. the date the act was performed,</li> <li>iv. the name, strength (where applicable) and quantity of the substance that the member administered to the patient,</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>To allow Part A pharmacy technicians and intern technicians to administer all other vaccines (besides COVID-19 and influenza vaccines) to patients ages 5 and older</p>
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<p>v. the circumstances relating to the administration of the substance to the patient and any adverse reaction experienced by the patient, and</p> <p>vi. confirmation that an informed consent was given by the patient or their authorized agent.</p> <p>7. Where administering a substance specified in Schedule 1 by injection to a patient through an established central or peripheral venous access device, the member must only do so in collaboration with a member of the College of Nurses of Ontario who is a registered nurse in the extended class or a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.</p> <p>8. Where the act is performed for a purpose other than that of patient education or demonstration the member must, within a reasonable time after performing the act, notify the following persons that the member performed the act, and provide details respecting the act:</p> <p>i. The prescriber, if any, of the substance that was administered.</p> <p>ii. The patient's primary care provider, where the member knows that the patient has such a care provider other than the prescriber.</p> <p>9. Where administering an influenza vaccine by injection, the member must administer the vaccine in accordance with Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program as described on the Ministry's website.</p> <p>10. The member may only administer a vaccine to patients who are two years of age or older in the case of the influenza vaccine, six months of age and older in the case of the COVID-19 vaccines and five years of age or older in the case of every other vaccine.</p> <p>(5) Where a limitation or a route of administration is indicated with respect to a substance listed in Schedule 1, a member shall only</p>	<p>v. the circumstances relating to the administration of the substance to the patient and any adverse reaction experienced by the patient, and</p> <p>vi. confirmation that an informed consent was given by the patient or their authorized agent.</p> <p>7. Where administering a substance specified in Schedule 1 by injection to a patient through an established central or peripheral venous access device, the member must only do so in collaboration with a member of the College of Nurses of Ontario who is a registered nurse in the extended class or a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.</p> <p>8. Where the act is performed for a purpose other than that of patient education or demonstration the member must, within a reasonable time after performing the act, notify the following persons that the member performed the act, and provide details respecting the act:</p> <p>i. The prescriber, if any, of the substance that was administered.</p> <p>ii. The patient's primary care provider, where the member knows that the patient has such a care provider other than the prescriber.</p> <p>9. Where administering an influenza vaccine by injection, the member must administer the vaccine in accordance with Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program as described on the Ministry's website.</p> <p>10. The member may only administer a vaccine to patients who are two years of age or older in the case of the influenza vaccine, six months of age and older in the case of the COVID-19 vaccines and five years of age or older in the case of every other vaccine.</p> <p>(5) Where a limitation or a route of administration is indicated with respect to a substance listed in Schedule 1, a member shall only administer the substance in compliance with the limitation and in accordance with the route of administration specified.</p>	
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<p>administer the substance in compliance with the limitation and in accordance with the route of administration specified.</p> <p>(6) A member referred to in subsection (3) may only perform the act of administering the vaccine by injection provided for in paragraph 3 of subsection (1) if the patient is two years of age or older in the case of the influenza vaccine, five years of age or older in the case of respiratory syncytial virus vaccine or six months of age or older in the case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines and if the member,</p> <p>(a) possesses sufficient knowledge, skill and judgment to be able to administer the vaccine safely;</p> <p>(b) meets all the requirements in paragraphs 2, 3 and 6 of subsection (4);</p> <p>(c) meets the requirement in paragraph 9 of subsection (4), when administering an influenza vaccine by injection; and</p>	<p>(6) A member referred to in subsection (3) may only perform the act of administering the vaccine by injection provided for in paragraph 3 of subsection (1) if the patient is two years of age or older in the case of the influenza vaccine, <del>five years of age or older in the case of respiratory syncytial virus vaccine</del> or six months of age or older in the case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines, <u>and five years of age or older in the case of every other vaccine</u>, and if the member,</p> <p>(a) possesses sufficient knowledge, skill and judgment to be able to administer the vaccine safely;</p> <p>(b) meets all the requirements in paragraphs 2, 3 and 6 of subsection (4);</p> <p>(c) meets the requirement in paragraph 9 of subsection (4), when administering an influenza vaccine by injection; and</p>	
<p>Additions to Schedule 1</p>	<p>Add the following to Schedule 1</p> <p><u>Opioid partial agonists-antagonists</u> <u>Buprenorphine</u></p>	<p>To allow pharmacists to administer an additional drug by injection.</p>
<p><b>51.</b> (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3 of subsection 4 (1) of the Act, a Part A pharmacist is authorized to prescribe the following drugs, subject to subsections (2) and (4) of this section and to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on their certificate of registration:</p> <p>2. For the sole purpose of treating a minor ailment listed in Column 1 of the Table to Schedule 4, a drug opposite the minor ailment in Column 3 of that Table.</p>	<p>Add the following 14 additional minor ailments to Schedule 4</p>	<p>To allow pharmacists to prescribe for 14 additional minor ailments</p>

	<u>Acute pharyngitis</u>	<u>Oral analgesics</u>		
		<u>Local analgesics (anesthetics)</u>		
		<u>Antibiotics (Cephalosporins)</u>		
		<u>Antibiotics (Lincosamides)</u>		
		<u>Antibiotics (Macrolides)</u>		
		<u>Antibiotics (Penicillins)</u>		
	<u>Calluses and corns</u>	<u>Keratolytic Agents</u>		
	<u>Mild Headache (Tension-Type)</u>	<u>Analgesics</u>		
	<u>Herpes Zoster</u>	<u>Nucleoside Analogues (Oral Antivirals)</u>		
		<u>Analgesics (for acute pain associated with an active episode)</u>		
	<u>Acute Insomnia</u>	<u>Benzodiazepine Receptor Agonists (short term use only)</u>		
		<u>Orexin Receptor Antagonists</u>		
		<u>Tricyclic Antidepressants</u>		
		<u>Antihistamine</u>		
	<u>Onychomycosis</u>	<u>Topical antifungals</u>		
	<u>Otitis externa</u>	<u>Acidifying Agents</u>		
		<u>Topical Antibiotics</u>		
		<u>Topical Corticosteroids</u>		

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