

**Rule**  
**Department of Health and Hospitals**  
**Board of Pharmacy**  
Pharmacy Technicians—Scope of Practice  
(LAC 46:LIII.907)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*) and the Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161, *et seq.*), the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has amended the referenced Rule.

Title 46 — Professional and Occupational Standards  
Part LIII. Pharmacists

## Chapter 9. Pharmacy Technicians

### §907. Scope of Practice

- A. Pharmacy technician candidates and pharmacy technicians may assist the pharmacist by performing those duties and functions assigned by the pharmacist while under his direct and immediate supervision.
1. The **ratio of candidates** to pharmacists on duty shall not exceed one to one at any given time.
  2. The **ratio of technicians** to pharmacists on duty shall not exceed two to one at any given time. However, the ratio of technicians to pharmacists on duty may be increased to three to one if no technician candidates are on duty at the same time.
- B. Pharmacy technician **candidates** shall not:
1. receive verbal initial prescription orders;
  2. give or receive verbal transfers of prescription orders;
  3. interpret prescription orders (however, a technician candidate may translate prescription orders);
  4. compound high-risk sterile preparations, as defined by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP), or its successor;
  5. counsel patients.
- C. Pharmacy **technicians** shall not:
1. release a verbal prescription order for processing until it is reduced to written form and initialed by the receiving technician and supervising pharmacist;
  2. interpret prescription orders (however, a technician may translate prescription orders);
  3. compound high-risk sterile preparations, as defined by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP), or its successor;
  4. counsel patients.