

Registered Pharmacist Requirement Guide

Pharmacy & Chemist Retail

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains the registered-pharmacist/competent-person requirement — who qualifies, state pharmacy council registration, the presence rule, and options if you are not a pharmacist. Use it to satisfy the pharmacist requirement. For the drug licence use the Retail Drug Licence Guide.

Purpose of this tool & output

Meet the pharmacist / competent-person rule

How the output is used

Use it to meet the registered-pharmacist rule — the State Pharmacy Council registration a pharmacist must hold to dispense at your pharmacy.

Who receives it

The registration is with the State Pharmacy Council under the Pharmacy Act, and the drug licence requires a registered pharmacist on the premises.

How to submit / file it

The pharmacist applies with the D.Pharm/B.Pharm qualification and documents; on registration a certificate is issued and renewed periodically.

Fees & charges

A registration fee and periodic renewal per the State Pharmacy Council; the pharmacist must be present during dispensing hours.

Who should vet it

The State Pharmacy Council, which verifies the qualification before registration.

Important cautions

A registered pharmacist must genuinely be employed and present during operating hours — name-lending (a pharmacist on paper who is absent) is illegal and a common cause of licence cancellation and prosecution. A non-pharmacist can own a pharmacy but must employ a real registered pharmacist. Confirm rules with the state pharmacy council.

Companion documents

- Pharmacy Licensing Roadmap
- Retail Drug Licence Guide
- Wholesale Drug Licence Guide
- Schedule H / H1 / X Compliance Guide
- Pharmacy GST Setup Guide
- Shops & Establishment / Local Registration

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