

March 17, 2022

ATTN: Kevin Williams, Director
Division of Materials Safety, Security, State,
and Tribal Programs
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

SUBJECT: BOARD OF PHARMACY SPECIALTIES, REVIEW OF SPECIALTY BOARD
CONTINUED RECOGNITION BY THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the letter received on March 15, 2022 requesting information to confirm that the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) continues to satisfy the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recognition criteria for specialty board certification process enclosed please find the information requested.

- 1) Confirm the specialty board's current name
 - a. Board of Pharmacy Specialties: <https://www.bpsweb.org/>
- 2) Confirm the name of the specialty certification(s) or certificates
 - a. BPS Board Certified Nuclear Pharmacist ([BCNP](#))
- 3) Confirm that the specialty board still satisfies the board recognition criteria in 10 CFR 35.55, "Training for an authorized nuclear pharmacist."
 - a. [Eligibility Requirements](#) for a board-certified nuclear pharmacist can be found on the BPS website
 - b. A publicly available [brochure](#) provides a detailed description of the nuclear pharmacy eligibility requirements and certification process.
- 4) Confirm that there have been no changes in the board's certification procedures that could affect the recognition status.
 - a. **Effective January 1, 2019:** All applicants intending to demonstrate eligibility for any BPS certification examination utilizing the practice experience pathway must provide an attestation from their employer, on company letterhead, that verifies this experience accurately represents 50% of time spent in some or all of the activities defined by the applicable certification content outline. In addition, this practice experience must have occurred within the seven years immediately preceding the application. For more information, click [here](#). A sample employer verification letter is available here: [Sample](#). **This change does not affect the affect the recognition of the board's certification process.**
 - b. **Effective January 1, 2022,** Year 1 residency programs or new residency programs granted Candidate Status for accreditation by the Canadian Pharmacy Residency Board (CPRB) are also acceptable for meeting BPS eligibility criteria that recognize Year 1 or PGY1 residency training. Residency training must be completed by the applicant within 7 years of the application date. **This change does not affect the affect the recognition of the board's certification process.**

- 5) Confirm that the enclosed certificate is current.
 - a. Please see the attached document which is the current version of the nuclear pharmacy certificate.

Sincerely,

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