

# ATTENTION TEXAS EDUCATORS

After a great amount of pressure from PassAssured, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACD), the Alliance of Independent Pharmacists of Texas (AIPT), and American Pharmacies, **the outcome of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy November 1, 2016 meeting was "to strike 'PTCB' and leave language that allows any exam approved by [the] Board."**

The NHA (National Healthcareer Association) does not require schools to be ASHP accredited for students to sit for the ExCPT (the Exam for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians).

Per one of the board members, the next step is for any exam that wants to be approved the administering agency to submit an application and be reviewed for content by an outside entity. That entity just scores the exams. They do not select if the exam meets the criteria.

The NHA will go out for bid and the Board will make the final approval on which exam will become board approved. This process should be completed and voted on during the February 7, 2017 meeting.

In a board member's opinion, "The Board will approve all. So NHA's exam needs to meet and pass the review, which the belief is that NHA will pass the review." The NHA passed the last review performed by the Board.

To summarize, the NHA's exam will not only be less expensive, students will be allowed to sit for the ExCPT before they graduate! All educators will have access to test scores and PSI/Laser Grade testing centers will set up remotely at schools if needed.

Please contact PassAssured if clarification is needed and we will gladly clear up any confusion. PassAssured's business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm Central Standard Time.

Thank you very much,

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