

**[ DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 118-B S.  
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**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ACCREDITATION OF  
CLINICAL LABORATORIES FOR TRAINING OF MEDICAL  
TECHNOLOGY INTERNS**

*SECTION 1. Title* - These rules and regulations shall be known as the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Accreditation of Clinical Laboratories for Training of Medical Technology Interns".

*SECTION 2. Authority* - These rules and regulations are issued in accordance to Section 13 of Republic Act 5527 (Medical Technology Act of 1969) and consistent with Executive Order 119 (Reorganization Act of the Ministry of Health) and R.A. 4688 (Clinical Laboratory Law), and R.A. 1517 (Blood Bank Law).

*SECTION 3. Purpose* - These rules and regulations are promulgated to upgrade the training of medical technology interns to maintain the quality of laboratory services, and to properly utilize the medical technology interns during their training. Only those laboratory which are accredited for training shall be utilized for the affiliation of medical technology interns.

*SECTION 4. Scope* - The rules and regulations embodied herein shall apply to all clinical laboratories performing examinations for the diagnosis of diseases or for public health purposes as defined in R.A. 4688 and utilized as training laboratories for medical technology interns from universities and colleges offering medical technology courses.

*SECTION 5. Regulatory Authority* - The accreditation of training laboratories for medical technology interns under these rules and regulations shall be exercised by the Department of Health, through the Bureau of Research and Laboratories in the Office for Standards and Regulation.

*SECTION 6. Accreditation Requirements for a Training Laboratory for Medical Technology Interns* -

**Technical Standards**

6.1 All clinical Laboratories must be required to demonstrate compliance with the following technical standards as requirements for accreditation.

6.1.1 The Clinical Laboratory shall be duly licensed by the Bureau of Research and Laboratories (BRL).

6.1.2 The laboratory shall be headed by and under the supervision of a duly licensed physician who is certified by the Philippine Board of

## Pathology.

6.1.3 The laboratory shall be staffed by at least one (1) medical technologist, duly registered with the Board of Medical Technology for each of the sections of Clinical Chemistry, Clinical microscopy, microbiology, hematology, blood banking and serology and histopathology.

6.1.4 The physical plant shall have adequate laboratory space to accommodate both laboratory staff and medical technology interns.

6.1.5 There should be sufficient equipment and supplies necessary depending on the volume and type of examinations as well as the number of interns to be trained by the laboratory.

6.1.6 A section of the laboratory can be utilized for training only if it has a sufficient volume of laboratory examination adequate for training of at least one Medical Technology Intern.

6.1.7 The laboratory should have a written training program for the Medical Technology interns.

6.2 The BRL shall evaluate compliance to the technical standards in accordance with the requirements including the minimum number of examination of samples required of each section as the BRL may promulgate.

*SECTION 7. Training Program* - The training program for Medical Technology interns should include the following:

7.1 The person responsible for the training program must be a duly licensed physician certified by the Philippine Board of Pathology. He shall be assisted by a registered medical technologist with previous experience in training medical technology interns.

7.2 The program shall provide for an objective measure or evaluation of the baseline skills and knowledge prior to allowing or utilizing interns to handle actual specimens from patients.

7.3 The program shall include the (1) objectives of training, (2) laboratory methods or procedures to be taught, (3) principles and clinical applications of the laboratory procedures, (4) right work attitudes and ethical values, (5) required quota of tests to be performed to develop accuracy and precision, (6) objective evaluation of performance in each section, (7) time schedule, (8) lecture seminars and conferences, and (9) methodology of training.

7.4 Not more than 20% of the number of Medical Technology interns but not to exceed ten (10) interns shall be allowed to train during the night shift. Provided further that no intern shall be allowed to train without a registered Medical Technologist on duty to supervise them.

7.5 There should be at least one (1) registered Medical Technologist with adequate

skills and expertise in training for every group of interns not exceeding five (5) in each section.

7.6 The staff and personnel of the laboratory shall be assisted by a laboratory instructor who must be a registered Medical Technologist from the sending university or school especially tasked to monitor individual attendance, behavior and performance of students.

7.7 A monthly conference by the pathologist, laboratory staff and laboratory instructor of the school shall be held to evaluate the implementation of the program, the problems that have been encountered and changes that have been instituted.

*SECTION 8. Reporting* - Each accredited clinical laboratories shall render an annual report of the number of Medical Technology interns training, the number of examinations performed and other activities in accordance with the format prescribed of the BRL.

*SECTION 9. Affiliation of Medical Technology Interns from Universities, Colleges and Schools of Medical Technology* - Accredited clinical laboratories shall be allowed to accept for affiliation Medical Technology interns from universities, schools or colleges of Medical Technology who have met the requirements specified in the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 70-A, s. 1989.

*SECTION 10. Basic Accreditation Requirements* - Any clinical laboratory desiring to train Medical Technology interns shall submit to BRL a sworn petition/application on the prescribed form containing/attaching among others:

10.1 Name of establishment

10.2 Place, municipality and province where it is to be established

10.3 Name, citizenship and domicile of the head of the Clinical Laboratory

10.4 Name, citizenship and domicile of owner

10.5 Copy of a valid permit to operate a clinical laboratory or blood bank from the Department of Health

10.6 The training program for Medical Technology interns

10.7 Volume of examinations performed in the previous year for each section.

*SECTION 11. Application for Accreditation* -

11.1 An application for accreditation shall be filed in a form "Application for Accreditation of Laboratories for Training Medical Technology Interns" with the Office of the Bureau of Research and Laboratories for screening and approval.

11.2 Each application shall be signed under oath or affirmation by the owner or a person duly authorized to act for and on his behalf.

11.3 Within sixty (60) days after receipt of said application together with the