

# Pharmacy



## >> What is Pharmacy?

Pharmacists are experts in the rational use of medication. Their work is based on the understanding of body systems and how they work in disease and the effects individual medications can have on these systems and processes. Pharmacists can specialise community (retail or private) pharmacy, government pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, industrial pharmacy, teaching and research. Pharmacists also have a legislated regulatory role in the manufacture, supply and distribution of drugs and poisons. Pharmacists work closely with other health professionals managing medication risk.

## Where do Pharmacists work in Tasmania?

Pharmacists work in many areas including public and private, aged care, research, training and various industries.

## How do Pharmacists work in DHHS?

Hospital pharmacists are employed at the Launceston General Hospital, Royal Hobart Hospital and the North West Regional Hospital. Pharmacists are also employed in Mental Health, correctional Health, Drug and Alcohol and Population Health.

The Chief Pharmacist provides advice to the DHHS and Minister on legislation and other matters.

## What qualifications and regulations are required to practice?

A person wishing to work as a pharmacist in Tasmania must be registered. Under Section 21 of The Pharmacists Registration Act 2001, a person may apply to be registered as a pharmacist if the person has: a) gained a qualification approved by, or gained a qualification from an institution accredited by, a prescribed national pharmacists body or forum; b) within 3 years of gaining that qualification or passing that examination – completed, to the satisfaction of the Board, an approved pre-registration program, and passed an examination set by the Board; and , c) the person has completed a Workplace Level 11 First Aid Certificate.

### Useful links

<http://www.shpa.org.au/>

<http://www.regboardstas.com/pharmacy/home.htm>