

**65-1655. Information required of applicant for registration to distribute at wholesale any drugs; factors in reviewing qualifications of applicants; denial of application if not in public interest; qualifications of personnel; inspection by the board; rules and regulations.** (a) The board shall require an applicant for registration to distribute at wholesale any drugs under K.S.A. 65-1643, and amendments thereto, or an applicant for renewal of such a registration, to provide the following information:

- (1) The name, full business address and telephone number of the applicant;
- (2) all trade or business names used by the applicant;
- (3) addresses, telephone numbers, and the names of contact persons for all facilities used by the applicant for the storage, handling and distribution of prescription drugs;
- (4) the type of ownership or operation of the applicant;
- (5) the name of the owner or operator, or both, of the applicant, including:
  - (A) If a person, the name of the person;
  - (B) if a partnership, the name of each partner, and the name of the partnership;
  - (C) if a corporation, the name and title of each corporate officer and director, the corporate names and the name of the state of incorporation;
  - (D) if a sole proprietorship, the full name of the sole proprietor and the name of the business entity; and
- (6) such other information as the board deems appropriate. Changes in any information in this subsection (a) shall be submitted to the board as required by such board.

(b) In reviewing the qualifications for applicants for initial registration or renewal of registration to distribute at wholesale any drugs, the board shall consider the following factors:

- (1) Any convictions of the applicant under any federal, state or local laws relating to drug samples, wholesale or retail drug distribution or distribution of controlled substances;
  - (2) any felony convictions of the applicant under federal or state laws;
  - (3) the applicant's past experience in the manufacture or distribution of prescription drugs, including controlled substances;
  - (4) the furnishing by the applicant of false or fraudulent material in any application made in connection with drug manufacturing or distribution;
  - (5) suspension or revocation by federal, state or local government of any license or registration currently or previously held by the applicant for the manufacture or distribution of any drugs, including controlled substances;
  - (6) compliance with registration requirements under previously granted registrations, if any;
  - (7) compliance with requirements to maintain or make available to the board or to federal state or local law enforcement officials those records required by federal food, drug and cosmetic act, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and
  - (8) any other factors or qualifications the board considers relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.
- (c) After consideration of the qualifications for applicants for registration to distribute at wholesale any drugs, the board may deny an initial application for registration or application for renewal of a registration if the board determines that the granting of such registration would not be in the public interest. The authority of the board under this subsection to deny a registration to distribute at wholesale any drugs shall be in addition to the authority of the board under subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-1627, and amendments thereto, or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-1645, and amendments thereto.

(d) The board by rules and regulations shall require that personnel employed by persons registered to distribute at wholesale any drugs have appropriate education or experience, or both, to assume responsibility for positions related to compliance with state registration requirements.

(e) The board by rules and regulations may implement this section to conform to any requirements of the federal prescription drug marketing act of 1987 (21 U.S.C. § 321 et seq.) in effect on the effective date of this act.

(f) Each facility that engages in wholesale distribution must undergo an inspection by the board or a third party recognized by the board to inspect and accredit wholesale distributors for the purpose of inspecting the wholesale distribution operations prior to initial registration and periodically thereafter in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the board but not less than once every three years. The board shall have the authority to waive registration requirements for wholesale distributors that are accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations to establish standards and requirements for the issuance and maintenance of a wholesale distributor registration, including inspections of wholesale distributor facilities domiciled in the state.

(1) Individual or third party inspectors must demonstrate to the board that they have received training or demonstrate familiarity with the inspection standards. Evidence such as a letter of certification from a training program, notice from the inspector's employing third party organization or other means recognized by the board shall be accepted as meeting the requirement.

(2) The board may register a wholesale distributor that is licensed or registered under the laws of another state if:

- (A) The requirements of that state are deemed by the board to be substantially equivalent; or
- (B) the applicant is inspected and accredited by a third party recognized and approved by the board.

(g) A person licensed or approved by the federal food and drug administration to engage in the manufacture of drugs or devices engaged in wholesale distribution need only satisfy the minimum federal requirements for licensure provided in federal food and drug administration regulations 21 C.F.R. Part 205 to provide wholesale distribution services.

(h) The board by rule and regulation shall establish standards and requirements for the issuance and maintenance of a wholesale distributor registration, including, but not limited to, requirements regarding the following: (1) An application and renewal fee; (2) a surety bond; (3) registration and periodic inspections; (4) certification of a designated representative; (5) designation of a registered agent; (6) storage of drugs and devices; (7) handling, transportation and shipment of drugs and devices; (8) security; (9) examination of drugs and devices and treatment of those found to be unacceptable as defined by the board; (10) due diligence regarding other wholesale distributors; (11) creation and maintenance of records, including transaction records; and (12) procedures for operation.

(i) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas.

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