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**Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) Now Offers Continuous Testing
And Immediate Pass/Fail Results**

6,800 Pharmacy Technicians Apply Through On-demand Format in First Month

Washington, D.C. – The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) announced today that since on-demand testing with immediate pass/fail results was launched on April 1, 2009, 6,800 pharmacy technicians have applied to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE). The new testing format represents an effort by PTCB to offer greater flexibility and convenience in the availability of the PTCE, the highest quality test available for pharmacy technician certification.

“PTCB certification provides the core skills and nationally recognized credentials necessary for pharmacy technicians to deliver optimal pharmacist support and patient care,” said Kermit Crawford, Senior Vice President, Pharmacy at Walgreens. “Walgreens was the first to get behind PTCB certification and strongly supports the new continuous testing format because it creates daily access to the highest quality exam offered.”

The transition to on-demand, year round exam availability is designed to meet increasing demand from employers, state boards of pharmacy, educators, and pharmacy technicians for greater access to the highest quality exam. PTCB candidate demographics and numbers have expanded steadily over PTCB’s 14 years as the industry leader in certifying pharmacy technicians. In 2008, PTCB tested over 50,000 pharmacy technicians and has certified more than 339,000 CPhTs since inception in 1995, through the examination and transfer process. The PTCB certification program utilizes Pearson Professional Centers for testing, the same centers used by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for its North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX).

"More and more, state boards of pharmacy are requiring pharmacy technicians to be PTCB certified, and we recognize the need to adjust our format to meet the demand for qualified technicians," said Melissa Murer Corrigan, RPh, Executive Director and CEO of PTCB. "In the first month of the new format, 6,800 pharmacy technicians have applied for testing. Clearly this is an idea whose time has come, and we are excited to once again break new ground for pharmacy technicians, employers, and patients."

PTCB’s certification program is widely recognized and trusted throughout the industry for ensuring that pharmacy technicians across the country adhere to the highest standards. The PTCB certification program is the only certification endorsed by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and other professional pharmacy organizations. PTCB’s examination is available in all 50 states at over 200 Pearson Professional Centers, internationally at DANTES testing centers, and in Guam and Puerto Rico.

About the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

PTCB was established in January 1995 and is governed by five pharmacy organizations - the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), the Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists (IChP), the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). The goal of the PTCB national certification program is to enable pharmacy technicians to work more effectively with pharmacists to offer safe and effective patient care and service. PTCB contracts with Pearson VUE, the industry’s technology leader, as its computer-based testing vendor. PTCB draws upon the experience and expertise of its 14-year partner, Professional Examination Service (PES) for test development.

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