

April 30, 2019

GABRIELLE BUFFINGTON
7905 E 107 ST
KANSAS CITY MO 64134

RE: *In the Matter of Gabrielle Buffington*
Case No. 19-278

Dear Gabrielle Buffington:

The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy has concluded its audit of continuing education for your recent renewal and determined that you are noncompliant. During the audit, the Board sent repeated requests for documentation to your mailing and email address of record and received no response. As a result, your pharmacy technician registration is being revoked. Please read the enclosed Summary Order in its entirety, which provides details about the violations and revocation that will be reported to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

If you dispute the facts or legal basis for the action and wish to request a hearing regarding this matter, please reference the section titled "Notices" in the Order and promptly take action. Please be aware that if you request a hearing and the Board prevails, you will be required to pay the costs of the hearing.

Please note that when you submitted your renewal, you certified that you had completed all continuing education necessary to renew your license. Failure to complete that continuing education constitutes a misrepresentation on your renewal application. The Board takes this matter very seriously, but has opted not to take action on that finding for this audit year.

If you have questions, please email pharmacy.compliance@ks.gov and reference your case number.

Sincerely,

Kansas State Board of Pharmacy

enc: Summary Order

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of)	
)	Case No. 19-278
Gabrielle Buffington)	
Registration No. 14-102387)	
_____)	

SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION

NOW on April 30, 2019, comes before the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy through its Executive Secretary (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") the matter of Gabrielle Buffington (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent").

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by the Kansas Pharmacy Act, K.S.A. 65-1625, *et seq.*, and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501, *et seq.*, the Board enters this Summary Order of Revocation in the above-captioned matter. After reviewing the renewal materials and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings, conclusions, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board has issued Respondent Pharmacy Technician Registration Number 14-102387 to perform the functions of a pharmacy technician in the State of Kansas.
2. On or around 10/26/2018, Respondent submitted a renewal application for Respondent's Kansas pharmacy technician registration.
3. Respondent's renewal application was selected for an audit to provide proof of Respondent's continuing education certificates or a transcript of completion of required hours.
4. Respondent's NABP CPE Monitor showed completion of 0 hours of continuing education to renew Respondent's pharmacy technician registration.
5. Since Respondent was licensed for less than the entire biennial licensure period,

Respondent was eligible for obtaining prorated hours and only required 15.75 hours of continuing education for renewal.

6. On or about 2/19/2019, the Board sent Respondent an email requesting proof of Respondent's continuing education hours earned for the renewal period ending October 31, 2018 by a specified date.

7. On or about 3/8/2019, the Board sent a second request letter to Respondent's mailing address of record requesting this information.

8. On or about April 22, 2019, the Board sent Respondent a final email requesting this information no later than April 25, 2019.

9. To date, the Board has not received any response from Respondent regarding the continuing education audit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1663(f)(1), the Board may limit, suspend or revoke a registration or deny an application for issuance or renewal of any registration as a pharmacy technician on any ground, which would authorize the board to take action against the license of a pharmacist under K.S.A. 65-1627, and amendments thereto.

11. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(9), the Board may deny, revoke, suspend, or place on probation any pharmacist license upon a finding that Respondent failed to comply with the continuing education requirements of the Board for license renewal.

12. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(15), the Board may deny, revoke, suspend, or place on probation any pharmacist license upon a finding that Respondent failed to furnish the board, its investigators or its representatives any information legally requested by the Board.

13. Pursuant to K.A.R. 68-5-18, 20 hours of continuing education shall be required for renewal of a pharmacy technician registration during each registration period, which must be

obtained in the two-year registration period ending on the October 31 expiration date of each registration.

14. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1658, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Pharmacy Practice Act, the Board may assess a civil fine for a violation of K.S.A. 65-1627(a), in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation.

15. Respondent was required to provide proof of completion of 15.75 hours of continuing education earned between September 1, 2016 and October 31, 2018.

16. By having 0 hours of continuing education, Respondent failed to complete the required 15.75 hours of continuing education for renewal of Respondent's pharmacy technician registration in violation of K.A.R. 68-5-18.

17. Respondent's failure to supply the Board with the requested documentation regarding proof of continuing education is a violation of K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(15) and a basis to revoke Respondent's Kansas pharmacy technician registration.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, Respondent's Registration is hereby REVOKED.

NOTICES

Respondent is hereby notified as follows:

1. Respondent may request a hearing pursuant to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act by filing a written request with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy, 800 SW Jackson, Suite 1414, Topeka, KS 66612-1231, within 15 days after service of this Order. If the outcome of the hearing is adverse to Respondent, costs of the proceedings shall be charged to Respondent.

2. If a hearing is not requested as described above, the Summary Order shall become a final order of the Board, effective upon the expiration of the time to request a hearing.


3. Within 15 days after entry of a final agency order, either party may file a petition for reconsideration pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529.

4. Within the time limits established in K.S.A. 77-613, either party may seek judicial review of a final agency order, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613. The agency officer designated to receive service of a petition for judicial review is:

Alexandra Blasi
Executive Secretary
Kansas Board of Pharmacy
800 SW Jackson, Suite 1414
Topeka, KS 66612

IT IS SO ORDERED.


April 30, 2019
Date


Executive Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did, on April 30, 2019, deposit in business mail a copy of the foregoing Summary Order, which is then placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

GABRIELLE BUFFINGTON
7905 E 107 ST
KANSAS CITY MO 64134


Kansas Board of Pharmacy Staff