

# Nebraska Medication Aide Overview

Under Nebraska law, anyone who administers medications as a part of their job must be registered as a Medication Aide if he or she is not licensed or certified by the state as a nurse or other health care provider. This includes all medical assistants who are employed by physicians, regardless of whether they are a CMA (AAMA) (or other national certification) or have graduated from an accredited medical assisting program (such as those accredited by CAAHEP and ABHES).

Medical assistants and CMAs (AAMA) who work in medical offices and clinics just need to pass a competency assessment.

Those health workers who want to work in a nursing home, an assisted living facility or a mental retardation facility must complete a 40-hour course and pass a test given by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

## Requirements for Registration

*To qualify for placement on Registry as a Medication Aide, an applicant must:*

1. Have demonstrated the minimum competencies for placement on the Registry;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Be of good moral character.
4. Be a U.S. citizen, or qualified alien under the Federal Immigration Naturalization Act.

*To qualify for placement on the Registry as a Medication Aide 40 Hour an applicant must:*

1. Have demonstrated the minimum competencies for placement on the Registry;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Be of good moral character;
4. Have completed a 40 hour course;
5. Have passed an examination approved by the Department.

6. Be a U.S. citizen, or qualified alien under the Federal Immigration Naturalization Act.

### Procedures to Apply for Registration

*To apply for registration as a Medication Aide, you must:*

1. Submit an  [application](#)
2. Pay a non-refundable application fee of \$18
3. Provide an official record documenting demonstration of minimum competency in medication provision.

*To apply for registration as a Medication Aide 40 Hour, you must:*

1. Submit an  [application](#)
2. Pay a non-refundable application fee of \$18
3. Provide an official record documenting demonstration of minimum competency in medication provision.
4. Provide an official record showing successful completion of a 40-hour medication course. (Documentation of  [Course Completion](#) form)
5. Successfully complete the 40 hour medication aide examination conducted by a State approved testing center. You do not need to take any action to demonstrate successful completion of the examination as the records are provided to the Department by the testing center. Information regarding examinations can be found in the [Examination Section](#).