

# PHLEBOTOMY STATE REGULATIONS



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**Phlebotomy issues number one  
complaint received by  
Department of Health Services.**



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## **California Phlebotomy Regulations**

- New regulations signed into law on January 9, 2003
- Became effective April 9, 2003



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## Current State Regulations

- **Limited Phlebotomy Technician**
  - skin punctures only
- **Certified Phlebotomy Technician I**
  - skin puncture and venipuncture
- **Certified Phlebotomy Technician II**
  - skin puncture, venipuncture, arterial punctures

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## Certified Phlebotomy Technician I

- 40 - 40 - 50 - 10
- 40 hours theory
- 40 hours clinical
- 50 successful venipunctures in clinical setting
- 10 successful skin punctures in clinical setting (finger &/or heel stick)
- Observation of 2 arterial blood gasses (ABG's)

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## Certification

- **Successfully complete approved training program**
- **Successfully pass certification examination approved by State Department of Health Services:**
  - National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) \$90.00 student fee for phlebotomy exam
- **Cuesta College is an approved testing site**



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**Apply to CA Department of Laboratory Field Services for Phlebotomy Technician I Certificate:**

- \$54.00 application fee
- Certificate must be renewed every 2 years
- 6 hours of continuing education in phlebotomy related issues required each renewal period
- Must renew 60 days prior to expiration

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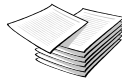
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**Certification...**

- **Complete application:**
  - usual demographics
  - must have high school transcripts or GED documentation
  - Social Security number
  - complete statement of felony or misdemeanor conviction



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**Phase in of regulations...**

- **Full time working phlebotomist will have three years to take examination**
- **Part-time phlebotomists will have similar time frame, additional training required**
- **Those holding a phlebotomy certificate but not working will repeat training**

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## Web Sites

- **Laboratory Field Services Home Page,  
click on "Phlebotomy"**
- **[www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ls/lfsb/lfsbindex.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ls/lfsb/lfsbindex.htm)**
- **National Center for Competency Testing  
[www.ncctinc.com](http://www.ncctinc.com)**
- **MultiSkilled Medical Certifications  
Institute  
[www.mmciinc.com](http://www.mmciinc.com)**
- **[www.phlebotomywest.com](http://www.phlebotomywest.com)**



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