

(2) A common or contract carrier or warehouseman, or an employee thereof, whose possession of any controlled dangerous substance is in the usual course of his business or employment;

(3) An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled dangerous substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner, while acting in good faith and in the ordinary course of business or professional practice;

(c) The Department may, by regulation, waive the requirement for registration of certain manufacturers, distributors, or dispensers if the Department finds it consistent with the public health and safety.

(d) A separate registration shall be required at each principal place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, or dispenses controlled dangerous substances.

(e) The Department is authorized to inspect the establishment of a registrant or applicant for registration in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department.

(f) The Department shall register an applicant to manufacture or distribute controlled dangerous substances included in Schedules I through IV of Article II of this subheading unless the Department determines that the issuance of such registration is inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the following factors shall be considered:

(1) maintenance of effective controls against diversion of particular controlled dangerous substances and any Schedule I or II substance compounded therefrom into other than legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels.

(2) compliance with applicable State, Federal, and local law;

(3) prior conviction record of applicant under Federal, State, and local laws relating to the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of such substances;

(4) past experience in the manufacture and distribution of controlled dangerous substances, and the existence in the establishment of effective controls against diversion; and

(5) such other factors as may be relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

(g) Registration granted under subsection (f) of this section shall not entitle a registrant to manufacture and distribute controlled dangerous substances in Schedule I or II other than those specified in the registration.

(h) Practitioners shall be registered by the Department to dispense substances in Schedules II through IV if they are authorized to dispense under the law of this State. A registration application by a practitioner who wishes to conduct research with Schedule I substances shall be referred to the Department for advice. Registration for the purpose of bona fide research with Schedule I substances by a practitioner deemed qualified by the Department may be denied only on a ground specified in Section 282 (a) as amended from time to time, or on the ground that the applicant's past practice or proposed procedures furnish grounds for the belief that the