

[(e)](G) "Certified medicine aide" means a geriatric *CERTIFIED* nursing assistant who has completed a [60-hour, State-approved] BOARD-APPROVED course in medication administration.

[(f)](H) "Certified nursing assistant":

(1) Means an individual regardless of title who routinely performs nursing tasks delegated by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for [compensation or satisfies the criteria contained in § 8-6A-05(d) of this subtitle] COMPENSATION; and

(2) Does not include a [medication assistant] CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

[(g)](I) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

[(h)](J) "Geriatric nursing assistant" means a certified nursing assistant who has successfully completed the requirements for geriatric nursing assistant mandated under federal law and the regulations of the Board.

[(i) "Medication assistant" means an individual who has completed the 16-hour course in medication administration approved by the Board.]

8-6A-02.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an individual shall be certified by the Board to practice as a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN before the individual may practice as a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN in the State.

(b) This subtitle does not apply to an individual who:

(1) Practices a health occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under this article;

(2) Provides for the gratuitous care of friends or family members;

(3) Performs nursing assistant tasks while a nursing student enrolled in an accredited nursing program and practicing under the direct supervision of qualified faculty or preceptors; [or]

(4) Performs nursing assistant tasks as a student while:

(i) Enrolled in a Board approved nursing assistant training program;

(ii) Practicing under the direct supervision of qualified faculty or preceptors; or

(iii) Practicing under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse while working as a nursing assistant; OR

(5) PERFORMS MEDICATION TECHNICIAN TASKS AS A STUDENT WHILE PRACTICING UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF QUALIFIED FACULTY; OR