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JOB PROFILE

Pharmacist / pharmacy technician

Farmaseutiku / téknikú farmásia

Health & care · ISCO-08 2262 / 3213

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians prepare medicines, give them out on a doctor's prescription, and explain how to take them safely. The government wants SAMES, the national service for medicines and health equipment, to work better so that medicines reach every health facility.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No national course listed yet
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No published demand data yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia PEV: any job, with a job offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$292–320 / month** Averages for all professionals (US$292) and technicians and associate professionals (US$320) in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Check prescriptions: Read the doctor's prescription and check that it is complete; Check the dose, and whether two medicines are unsafe together; Ask the doctor when something is not clear.

Prepare medicines: Count, measure and pack tablets, syrups and creams; Label each medicine with its name and how to take it; Mix some medicines by hand when needed.

Advise people: Explain how and when to take each medicine; Warn about side effects; Help customers with simple medicines that need no prescription.

Stock and records: Store medicines safely and at the right temperature; Check expiry dates and order new stock; Record every medicine that comes in and goes out.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit groups 2262, Pharmacists, and 3213, Pharmaceutical technicians and assistants.

WHERE YOU WORK

Hospitals & health centres (Medicines for patients and wards); Private pharmacies (Shops that sell medicines to the public); SAMES (Buys and distributes medicines and equipment for the national health service); Medicine wholesalers (Importing and supplying medicines).

Pharmacy work is indoors, careful and exact. A wrong dose can harm someone, so you check everything twice. Technicians work under the guidance of a pharmacist.

In 2011 the national plan said that pharmacies and ordinary shops often sold medicines without a prescription, and that they would be regulated. The current government programme again plans to review how pharmacies and other medicine sellers are regulated and supervised.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Chemistry and biology, Careful, exact work, Reading small print and numbers, Explaining things simply, Being honest and trustworthy.

You like: How medicines work, Helping people, Order and tidiness, Serving customers.

Science subjects at secondary school are a good start.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **No national certificate listed yet** · The published list of INDMO titles has no pharmacy course, and that list is incomplete.
- **Faculdade de Medicina e Ciências da Saúde, UNTL** · UNTL's health faculty. Whether it teaches pharmacy: to confirm.
- **Training in hospitals** · The national and referral hospitals serve as training centres for all health professionals

Pharmacy courses, their length and fees: to confirm with the Ministry of Health and the universities. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Pharmacy assistant** · Serves customers and keeps stock (ISCO 3213)
- **Pharmacy technician or pharmacist** · Pharmacists study at university (ISCO 2262); where in Timor: to confirm
- **Head of a hospital pharmacy** · Leads the medicine stock and the pharmacy team
- **Your own pharmacy** · Pharmacies must meet the rules; Startups of Timor helps you start a business

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · No official programme recruits Timorese pharmacy workers for work abroad yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer from an Australian employer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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