

FAQ Questions – Transition from the Virginia Manual to the National Manual

If I am using the Virginia Manual, can I continue to use it; is it still approved by the VA BOP?

Answer: Yes

Am I required to take the ExCPT exam or can I just take the State Exam?

Answer: You can take either exam as long as you have completed a board-approved training program.

My bookstore still has VA Manuals in stock. Can we exchange them for National Manuals?

Answer: There is a price difference between the two manuals. The National Manual sells for \$60 + \$9 shipping. You may return any unused Virginia Manuals to us for credit, less a 20% administrative fee. Then, you would need to place an order for the National Manual separately. Note: Volume discounts are available.

I use the VA Manual in my classroom; can I continue to use this manual? If so, will I be able to order extra copies if needed?

Answer: You may continue to use the VA manual; however, we would encourage you to review the National Manual for future courses. The National Manual will continue to be updated and therefore, reflect any changes in pharmacy law and/or drug recalls, dispensing processes, etc. The VA manual will no longer be updated with current pharmacy standards. Note: An instructor's manual and suggested curriculum are also available for the National program.

You may be able to order additional copies of the Virginia Manual; however, please know that the price of the manual may show an increase due to higher print costs associated with low production.

The Virginia Board has always required a Certificate of Completion for the VA Manual, documenting that my students have completed the course. How will this requirement be satisfied if we use the National Manual?

Answer: The National Manual also contains a Certificate of Completion. When the course has been completed, students send in the Certificate to the address noted on the form (the same process currently being used for the Virginia Manual). The Virginia Board of Pharmacy will be able to verify program completion through an online database.