

The aim of this survey is to collect information about the work practices of pharmaceutical assistants in order to ascertain the impact of the implementation of the proposed rules by the PSI. The information you are giving will remain confidential and securely stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Responses will be combined so no individual will be identified.

1. What is your name ( not obligatory to provide)

2. What age group do you belong?

- Under 55
- 56 to 60
- 61 to 65
- 66 to 70
- Over 70

3. Are you

- Male
- Female
- Other

4. Year qualified as a pharmaceutical assistant

5. Are you currently employed as a pharmaceutical assistant?

- Yes
- No

6. Are you employed on a

- permanent basis
- temporary basis
- Other (please specify)

7. How many years have you worked as a pharmaceutical assistant?

8. How many pharmacies do you work in? Please outline

9. Do you work for

- independent community retail pharmacy
- chain of pharmacies
- Other (please specify)

10. How many years have you worked for your current employer/ employers?

11. How many hours do you work per week? (if work in one more pharmacy please state hours for each).

12. How many hours per week do you work in temporary absence (provide cover) ? If more than one pharmacy please state hours for each.

13. How many hours per week do you work with a pharmacist? If more than one pharmacy please state hours for each

14. Please indicate below the temporary absence cover you provide in the pharmacy/ pharmacies you work in?

- I work in one pharmacy and provide cover
- I work in more than one pharmacy and provide cover
- Pharmacist's holidays
- Pharmacist's lunch hour
- Pharmacist's day off
- late nights
- Other leave such as illness, meetings
- Other (please specify)

15. How many qualified staff (pharmacists and pharmaceutical assistants) are employed in the pharmacy you work in (besides you)?

16. What is your hourly rate of pay?

17. Do you live in a

- one income household
- more than one income household
- Other (please specify)

18. Do you contribute to a private pension?

- Yes
- No

19. Do you undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD)?

- Yes
- No

20. How do you keep abreast of relevant advances in scientific and technical progress and clinical practice? Please tick activities you undertake.

- I participate in IPU academy learning events
- I participate in Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOF) learning events
- I read journal articles, updates from Irish Medicine Board, information leaflets on new drugs
- I maintain a learning portfolio
- Other (please specify)

21. Over the last 10 years have your working conditions changed in any way (e.g. work available, hours, pay rate)?

22. What in your opinion will the impact of the PSI proposed rules have on you?

23. Is there anything you would like to add?