

Standards for Accreditation of pharmacies

No permit shall be issued unless the pharmacy meets the following standards.

Distinct area

A pharmacy shall have a dispensing area that is distinct from other areas and is enclosed by physical barriers to prevent public access. This area shall be not less than sixty (60) square feet.

Access to stock rooms, rest rooms and other areas other than an office exclusively used by the pharmacist shall not be through the prescription department.

Conditions

The pharmacy shall be constructed of permanent and secure materials.

The pharmacy must be weatherproof, dry, free of pests, ventilated, proper storage temperature, lighted, in a state of good repair and sanitation.

The pharmacy must have surfaces that are all readily cleanable and sanitary.

The dispensary must be free of tobacco smoke.

Counselling

A private/semi-private area must be provided for patient/pharmacist consultation.

Equipment

An up-to-date, comprehensive pharmaceutical text(s) and suitable current reference texts;

Permanent prescription filling device and patient profile record system;

Devices capable of measuring 0.3ml to 500ml;

A mortar and pestle

Glass funnels

A spatula

A refrigerator to be used only for the storage of pharmaceuticals and is not accessible to patients or the public;

A refrigerator thermometer

Suitable counting trays or approved counting trays;

Ointment slabs or pads;

Labels;

Auxiliary labels, including poison labels

A copy each of the St. Lucia Pharmacy Act and Regulations.