



**E-NEWS UPDATE
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License Renewal Reminder

All Board licenses must be renewed annually by the following dates:

- Terminal Distributor – March 31st
- Wholesale Distributor – June 30th
- Pharmacist/Intern – September 15th

Failure to renew a license prohibits a license holder from engaging in any activity authorized by that license (i.e. practice of pharmacy, possession/sale of dangerous drugs).

Terminal and wholesale distributors that have discontinued business operations must file a written notice of discontinuing business form with the Board pursuant to rule [4729-9-07](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The form can be accessed on the [terminal distributor](#) or [wholesale distributor](#) licensing section of the Board's website.

Persons engaged in the practice of pharmacy or the possession, sale or distribution of dangerous drugs with an expired or lapsed license may be subject to disciplinary action.

Transfer of Unfilled Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances

The Drug Enforcement Agency issued a clarification on regulations regarding the transfer of unfilled electronic prescriptions for controlled substances (EPCS).

For more information, please access: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CStransfer.

Notification of License Change

With pharmacy technician registration beginning next year, the Board's licensing department will now be responsible for overseeing more than 80,000 licensees. As such, it is important that all licensees fulfill their statutory requirement by updating the Board on any licensing changes. Regulations related to this subject are as follows:

- [Rule 4729-5-05](#) for pharmacists and pharmacy interns;
- [Rule 4729-9-07](#) & [Rule 4729-9-08](#) for terminal and wholesale distributors;
- [Rule 4729-5-11](#) for a responsible person on a terminal or wholesale distributor license; and
- [Rule 4729-33-02](#) for emergency medical service (EMS) organizations.

All necessary forms can be found by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/General.aspx>.

The Board encourages all licensees to comply with these rules, as failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.

Pharmacy Technician Registration Updates

On January 4th, 2017, Governor Kasich signed Senate Bill 319 into law. One provision of the law requires registration of pharmacy technicians by **April 6th, 2018**.

While the deadline for registration is not until next year, the Board plans to open the registration process well in advance to allow enough time for individuals to register. The opening of technician registration is not known at this time, as the Board needs to finalize rules regarding the registration process.

The rules are currently posted on the Board's proposed rules page for public comment: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LawsRules/ProposedRules.aspx.

Those who are interested in receiving regulatory updates from the Board are encouraged to do so by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/update.