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Registered Pharmacy Technician Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements

Registered pharmacy technician renewal will open at the end of January 2026. Registered technicians will receive an email in January indicating the renewal period is open.

As part of the renewal process, a registered pharmacy technician will be required to complete a total of **ten contact hours** (1.0 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2026.

All registered pharmacy technicians must obtain a **free CPE monitor account** from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This account will be used to report and monitor the successful completion of ACPE-approved continuing pharmacy education.

For more information and a list of frequently asked questions, visit:
www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/techrenewal2025.

Ohio Board of Pharmacy Finalizes Updated Rules on Emergency Medical Services Organizations

Effective December 1, 2025, updates to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy's rules for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations go into effect.

To review these changes, use the links below:

- [4729:5-14-01 – Emergency medical services - definitions.](#) (AMEND)
- [4729:5-14-02 – Licensure.](#) (AMEND)
- [4729:5-14-03 – Security and control of dangerous drugs.](#) (NEW – REPLACES CURRENT RULE)
- [4729:5-14-04 – Record keeping.](#) (AMEND)
- [4729:5-14-05 – Protocols and verbal orders for drug administration.](#) (NEW)

EMS Inspection Guide and FAQ Released

To assist licensees in complying with these rule updates, the Board developed a comprehensive inspection guide and frequently asked questions document, which can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/EMSinspect. This [guide](#) aligns with internal guidance used by Board inspectors and allows licensees to conduct self-inspections to maintain compliance. This guide replaces the previous EMS frequently asked questions document.

IMPORTANT: This guide is intended for compliance with new EMS rules that are effective

December 1, 2025. During this implementation period and to encourage early adoption, EMS organizations that demonstrate compliance with the new rules will be deemed compliant by Board staff.

Have Questions?

For questions regarding the rule updates, licensees can e-mail the Board office by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx>.

Reminder: Verify Your Seller - It's the Law

The Board continues to be concerned with reports and investigations of clinics and other licensees purchasing counterfeit drugs for administration to patients. All pharmacies, clinics, and other healthcare facilities, even those not licensed by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, are required by law to purchase from licensed drug distributors (such as wholesalers, manufacturers, and outsourcing facilities) and, with limited exceptions, pharmacies.

To ensure that a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) is purchasing from an authorized seller, [OAC 4729:5-3-04](#) requires the TDDD to verify the seller is licensed by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy prior to initial purchase and then annually thereafter. Verification should be conducted using [Ohio's eLicense system](#) and must be documented by the licensee (e.g., saving the license verification electronically from eLicense).

As a reminder, licensees **cannot** purchase drugs from the following sources:

- Facebook and other social media sites.
- Internet sellers, unless they are appropriately licensed with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.
- Other clinics or prescribers, unless both clinics are under the same ownership (this would be considered an intracompany transfer – see [OAC 4729:5-3-09](#)).

Purchasing from unlicensed sources endangers the health and safety of your patients and is considered a violation of Ohio law. The Board takes such violations seriously and, in doing so, may subject the licensee to administrative action, including [immediate license suspension](#), and/or criminal sanctions.

To assist our licensees in avoiding the purchase of counterfeit medications, the Board developed the following resource: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/counterfeitpc.

Reminder: Licensure Requirements for Investigational New Drug Products

The Board would like to remind licensees that starting February 4, 2026, Ohio licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy **will be required** for all entities engaged in phase 2 or 3 clinical trials of an investigational new drug or product.

For more information on these licensure requirements, the Board developed this guidance document: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/IND.

Board Releases FY 2025 Annual Report

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy has released its FY 2023 Annual Report. The report can be accessed here: <https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FY2025Report>.

Follow the Board on Social Media

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy is now active on X (formerly Twitter), Bluesky, and Instagram. Follow us for updates and reminders from the Board by clicking the icons below.



Be Vigilant - Watch Out for Scammers!

BOARD STAFF DO NOT ASK FOR MONEY OVER THE PHONE OR VIA EMAIL TO RESOLVE PENDING INVESTIGATIONS. WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE TARGET OF A SCAM.

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be alert to avoid scammers.

Scammers may try to initiate contact via phone calls, emails, faxes, and letters purporting to originate from various state and federal agencies that include allegations of drug trafficking and threats of suspension against the target's license.

Board of Pharmacy investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency. If the Board of Pharmacy is conducting an investigation and that individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail, personal service, or electronic registered mail.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's online complaint form: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint. Additionally, reports should be made to your local law enforcement agency.

If you receive any suspicious calls or correspondence purporting to be from the Board of Pharmacy, we encourage you to call (614-466-4143) or email (contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.



People call, text, and chat the 988 Lifeline to talk about a lot of emotional needs—not just thoughts of suicide. Whatever your reason, the #988Lifeline is there to help. There is hope.



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