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New Continuing Education Course Available

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has partnered with the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force to include a 50-minute Human Trafficking online training for continuing education credit. This training features information about the signs and indicators of human trafficking and who is impacted in Ohio, interviews with responders and survivors, and how you can help make a difference. It includes a PDF of state and federal anti-trafficking laws, a video, and an online quiz. To access the training, go to: <https://httrain.das.ohio.gov/>.

Before taking the quiz, you will have to log in with your name, email address, and license number. Make sure to click "State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy" as the dropdown for the Board/Commission/Agency Affiliation section.

Successful completion of this course provides one contact hour (0.1 CEU) of State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved jurisprudence.

The Board does not submit passing results to CPE monitor. Please keep a copy of any certification awarded from passing this quiz.

New Rules Being Adopted in March and April

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has filed 27 rules that will go into effect in March and April 2024. See the rules listed below with their number, effective date, summary of changes, and a link to the rule text.

- [4729:5-5-06 - Amend - Labeling of drugs dispensed on prescription](#). Adds the requirement that an outpatient pharmacy include a contact phone number on a prescription label. Effective date: 4/1/2024.
- [4729:6-2-02 - Rescind - Distributor of dangerous drugs licensing and renewal](#). Rescinded in favor of the below rule. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:6-2-02 - New - Distributor of dangerous drugs licensing and renewal](#). Provides the requirements for drug distributor licensing and renewal. Requires renewal on the 30th Day of June of every odd-numbered year. Permits a change of business description application as part of the license renewal process to avoid duplicate licensure fees. Authorizes any initial application submitted during the renewal period to have an expiration date until the following renewal period. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729-6-01 - Amend - Continuing education providers - definitions](#). Removes an old reference of Chapter 4729:1-5 of the Administrative Code that no longer applies. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729-6-02 - Amend - Criteria for in-state approved providers of pharmacy jurisprudence continuing education](#). Reduces the amount of time CE providers have to maintain certificates of completion from 5 year to 4 years. Removes old reference about programs offered that are less than 0.1 CEU that no longer applies. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:2-2-01 - Amend - Licensure as a pharmacy intern](#). Makes one wording change ("desires" to "seeks"). Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:2-2-02 - Amend - Application for licensure as a pharmacy intern](#). Removes requirement to submit photograph and permits reciprocity as required by SB 131 (134th General Assembly). Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:2-2-04 - Rescind - Pharmacy intern license renewal and expiration](#). Rescinded in favor of the below rule. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:2-2-04 - New - Pharmacy intern license renewal and expiration](#). Permits pharmacy interns who are initially licensed after May 1st of an odd-numbered year to

be provided a license that does not expire until the next renewal date (e.g., two years and 4 months). Incorporates the licensure renewal process from 4729:2-2-09. Effective date: 3/7/2024.

- [4729:2-2-06 - Amend - Statement of preceptor and practical experience affidavit.](#) Requires practical experience affidavits to be submitted one year after credit is earned rather than by the first day of March each year. Also clarifies that the practical experience affidavit is only to be used to submit evidence of practical experience outside of the intern's school of pharmacy academic program. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:2-2-08 - Amend - Pharmacy intern change of name, address or employment.](#) Adds new options for providing a name change (government-issued identification card or any other documentation as approved by the board). Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:2-2-09 - Rescind - Pharmacy intern licensure and renewal.](#) Being rescinded because provisions in this rule are being incorporated into rule 4729:2-2-04. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:1-2-01 - Amend - Criteria for licensure by examination.](#) Requires fingerprint impressions to be submitted no later than 60 days after the Board receives an application for licensure. Effective date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:1-2-02 - Amend - Criteria for licensure by reciprocity.](#) Requires a candidate who reciprocates into the state to complete the MPJE if they have not obtained a passing score on the MPJE for any state or jurisdiction. Outlines the reciprocity fee at \$337.50, plus any transaction fee. Effective date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:1-2-03 - Amend - Examination application for licensure as a pharmacist.](#) Removes passport photograph requirement and adds requirement that the Board will only make an applicant eligible for exams once the background check and application for licensure has been received. Effective date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:1-2-06 - Amend - Pharmacist change of name, address or employment.](#) Adds a government-issued ID card as an acceptable notification of name change. Adds section explaining that a duplicate wall certificate will only be issued in the new name of the pharmacist with the required fee, and that a duplicate wall certificate will only be issued if the pharmacist lost, misplaced, or damaged their original certificate. Otherwise, a request for a duplicate wall certificate and required fee should be submitted. Effective date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:1-2-07 - Rescind - Pharmacist licensure and renewal.](#) Rescinded in favor of the below rule. Effective date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:1-2-07 - New - Pharmacist licensure and renewal.](#) Provides an overview of the requirements related to pharmacist licensure and renewal. Effective Date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:1-5-01 - Amend - Pharmacist continuing education - definitions.](#) Adds two specialty certification programs that are recognized by the Board for continuing education purposes. Effective date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:1-5-02 - Amend - Continuing education requirements for pharmacists.](#) Reduces the number of CE hours due to the passage of HB 509 (134th General Assembly). Also exempts newly licensed pharmacists from having to complete CE within the first two years of licensure. Effective date: 3/4/2024.
- [4729:3-2-01 - Amend - Registration procedures.](#) Modifies rule on pharmacy technician registration to account for the passage of SB 131 (134th General Assembly), which requires licensure reciprocity. Also, extends the time period for a trainee registration from one year to eighteen months. Effective date: 4/19/2024.
- [4729:3-3-02 - Amend - Approved pharmacy technician training programs.](#) Modifies the rule on approved pharmacy technician training programs by clarifying who is responsible for providing documentation of a successful training program and requires technician trainees that engage in hazardous drug compounding or the preparation of radiopharmaceuticals to comply USP 800 and USP 825 training requirements as applicable. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:3-3-03 - Amend - Registered pharmacy technicians.](#) Requires registered technicians that engage in hazardous drug compounding or the preparation of radiopharmaceuticals to comply USP 800 and USP 825 training requirements as applicable and permits registered pharmacy technicians to perform sterile compounding for training purposes. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:7-2-03 - Amend - Drugs compounded in a pharmacy.](#) Removes a prohibition on registered pharmacy technicians engaging in sterile drug compounding. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:5-2-02 - Rescind - Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs licensing and renewal.](#) Rescinded in favor of the below rule. Effective date: 3/7/2024.
- [4729:5-2-02 - New - Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs licensing and renewal.](#) Provides the requirements for licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs and outlines the rules of renewing an expired license or applying for license reinstatement. Effective date: 3/7/2024.

Reminder: Mandatory Electronic Prescribing of Controlled

Substances

Remember that prescribers and pharmacists may issue a written - rather than electronic - prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance only in the following circumstances:

- In the event of a temporary technical, electrical, or broadband failure; or
- When the prescriber determines that an electronic prescription cannot be issued in a timely manner and the patient's medical condition is at risk.

For more information about this law, review our guidance document:

<https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/documents/pubs/special/electronicprescribing/mandatory%20electronic%20prescribing%20of%20schedule%20ii%20controlled%20substances.pdf>.

2024 CPE Law Quiz

The Board of Pharmacy is pleased to provide a new [2024 CPE law quiz](#) for pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians. We encourage participants to first save a copy of the test and research the answers before continuing to the test. You will have only two attempts to pass the quiz. The Board does not submit passing results to CPE monitor. Please keep a copy of any certification awarded from passing this quiz.

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Every Day is Drug Takeback Day

If you missed DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, you can still take advantage of year-round drop-off locations. You can drop off your old, unneeded, or unused medications at one of the more than 16,500 pharmacies, hospitals, and businesses, working to help clean out medicine cabinets throughout the year. In addition, many police departments provide year-round drop boxes.

For more information and to find your nearest everyday drop-off location, visit:

https://www.dea.gov/everyday-takeback-day?utm_campaign=div&utm_content=cta&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

Additional resources on prescription drug disposal can also be accessed here:

www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/disposal.

Gov. DeWine, Department of Aging launch Ohio Nursing Home Quality Navigator

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Governor Mike DeWine held a press conference with Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel J. McElroy to announce launch of the new Ohio Nursing Home Quality Navigator – an all-in-one online resource for Ohioans seeking nursing home care.

The Navigator – which is now online at Aging.Ohio.Gov/Navigator – provides users with detailed information about every nursing home across the state in one convenient digital location. The tool is free and is available by computer, smartphone, or tablet.

The Navigator allows Ohioans to find nursing homes in their area by searching for their city, town, or zip code. Entering these search terms will generate a map of that area and highlight the nursing homes within a range of anywhere from five to 100 miles. Ohioans can then see a list of those nursing homes and select one for further details about that facility.

Data available for each facility includes its number of beds, its Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Five-Star Quality Rating, resident and family satisfaction survey scores, staffing data, and other information provided by the facility, such as whether it allows pets, alcohol, or smoking, any religious affiliation, and what special care services it might offer. Users can select multiple nursing homes and view a side-by-side comparison in multiple categories.

The Navigator also provides each nursing home's phone number and website and includes an instant share feature, allowing users to text or email facility contact information to their loved ones with the click of a button.

The Navigator is the result of the work of the [Ohio Governor's Nursing Home Quality & Accountability Task Force](#), a group of leading experts in the fields of aging, health care, and long-term care, organized by Governor DeWine to study opportunities to improve all stages of the nursing home journey. This tool represents a new opportunity for Ohioans to get accurate, up-to-date information about their long-term care options quickly and conveniently, without having to search through multiple websites.

For more information about the Navigator, visit the Ohio Department of Aging's website at Aging.Ohio.gov/Navigator.

Licensee Scam Warning: Avoid Scammers in 2024

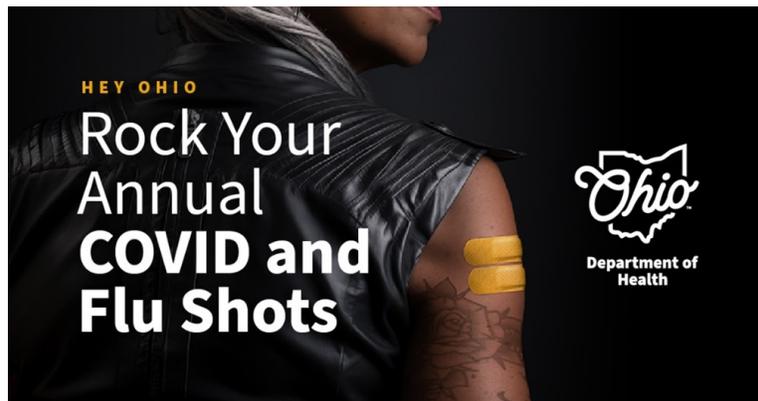
The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be alert to avoid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

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.



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