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Expedited Onboarding of Pharmacy Technician Trainees – Expires January 1, 2024

Effective January 1, 2024, the resolution authorizing the expedited onboarding of pharmacy technician trainees will expire. The resolution, authorized during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowed the Board's Licensing Department to grant trainee applicants conditional approval to begin working as a pharmacy technician trainee while they completed the application requirements (e.g., BCI and FBI criminal records check).

After January 1, 2024, the Board will no longer issue conditional approval status.

Therefore, pharmacy technician trainees must have all application requirements submitted with their application to the Board to receive their Active registration.

For more information about this change, please review this guidance document:
www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TraineeExpire

New Rules Permit Pharmacist Verification of Prescriber Compounded Medications

Effective November 16, 2023, rule [4729:7-3-07](#) authorizes a prescriber to delegate a pharmacist to perform medication validation ("final check") of a finished compounded drug preparation prior to it being administered to a patient.

DEA Releases Updated Guidance on MATE Act

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new **one-time**, eight-hour training requirement for all DEA-registered practitioners, except veterinarians, on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.

Beginning on June 27, 2023, all DEA-registered and new medical practitioners are required to attest to completion of the training when renewing or completing an initial registration.

REMINDER: Pharmacists who obtain a mid-level DEA registration under a consult agreement are required to meet these training requirements.

For more information, please visit:
https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html

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