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## November E-News Update

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### 2019 Rules Review Committee Application

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy's Rules Review Committee, composed of pharmacists from a diverse array of practice settings, is responsible for reviewing all rules prior to their legislatively mandated five-year review date. It also reviews and recommends changes proposed by the Board. The Committee is composed of twelve Ohio licensed pharmacists in good standing and typically meets three to four times per year in Columbus for half-day meetings.

To be considered for appointment to the committee, applications must be submitted by January 8, 2019. The application can be found [here](#).

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### Controlled Substance Reference Table

The Board published the annual review of the Controlled Substance Reference Table. The table is compiled solely from reference works recognized and approved by the Board pursuant to rule [4729-11-07](#).

The table can be found [here](#).

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### Statement on Epidiolex

Effective September 27, 2018, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) placed Epidiolex in Schedule V. Epidiolex is a drug that contains cannabidiol (CBD), a chemical constituent of the cannabis plant (marijuana). Per ORC 3719.43, Epidiolex is considered legal in Ohio as a Schedule V controlled substance.

The guidance published by the Board can be found [here](#).

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### Pharmacy Technician Training Programs

At a recent Board meeting, the Board extended the pharmacy technician training program requirement for programs to have received accreditation from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists/Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

This extension allows all programs to apply by **February 15th, 2019** to be considered compliant with OAC 4729:3-3-02 which requires all pharmacy technician training programs (except employer based, military training, or an ODE approved high school program) to be accredited by **April 6, 2019**.

All programs must be notified of accreditation award no later than **July 31st, 2019**.

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The Board frequently receives questions about pharmacy technician training requirements. This includes:

**If I hire someone who possesses a current ExCPT or PTCB certification, are they required to undergo the employer-based didactic training required in rule 4729:3-3-02?**

No. An individual holding a current ExCPT or PTCB certification is exempt from the employer-based didactic training requirements in rule 4729:3-3-02 [see paragraph (B)(2)(d)]. This also exempts the individual from having to complete the required didactic testing component of employer-based training in paragraph (B)(2)(c) of rule [4729:3-3-02](#).

Be advised the individual is still required to undergo applicable sterile and non-sterile compounding training and to complete three hundred hours of practical experience in a pharmacy under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist [see paragraphs (B)(2)(e), (C) and (D)].

A FAQ guidance document can be found [here](#).

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