



**STATE OF
OHIO**
BOARD OF PHARMACY

License Verification for Drug Distributors

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NOTE: The Board has issued separate guidance relating to license verification prior to the sale of non-controlled drug samples and complimentary supplies, which can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/verify

A drug distributor* license authorizes an entity to sell dangerous drugs at wholesale if **the entity ensures that the purchaser is appropriately licensed** under ORC 4729.51. The requirement that you must verify State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy licensure or exempt status pursuant to ORC 4729.60 is detailed in [OAC 4729:6-3-04](#).

**A distributor of dangerous drugs includes the following license types: manufacturer of dangerous drugs, outsourcing facility, third-party logistics provider, repackager of dangerous drugs and wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs (includes broker and virtual wholesaler).*

It is most likely that a drug distributor is selling dangerous drugs or medical gases **to an Ohio business** (i.e., physician's office, nursing home, etc.) rather than making a sale directly to a licensed prescriber. Therefore, the business must be appropriately licensed. If the purchaser is a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD), you must verify the licensure is appropriate to your sales. Refer to [OAC 4729:6-3-04](#).

Licensure can be verified using the Board's [online e-licensing system](#) or by downloading a [licensing roster](#) in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.

The TDDD license must be one of the following:

Category II License: This licensee may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute prescription drugs (including medical oxygen and other medical grade gases) that are not controlled substances. The license will be in the name of the facility/business to which the sales are made. It should NOT be a contingency license for another provider (i.e., license for Pharmacy name with %Nursing Home name on second line).

Limited Category II License: This licensee may only possess, have custody or control of, and distribute prescription drugs (including medical grade gases) that are not controlled substances approved by a Medical Director. To view a licensee's approved drug list, please visit: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/PublicDocuments.aspx>

Category III License: This licensee may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute prescription drugs, including controlled substances contained in Schedules II, III, IV, or V. The license will be in the name of the facility/business to which the sales are made. It should NOT be a contingency license for another provider (i.e., license for Pharmacy name with %Nursing Home name on second line).

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NOTE: Prescribers and business types are not exempt from licensure if they possess certain dangerous drugs. For more information, please refer to the following guidance document: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/prescribertdd