



Board of Pharmacy

2025 Drug Distributor Renewal Information and Resources

Dear Distributor of Dangerous Drugs*,

All active drug distributor licenses with an expiration date of June 30, 2025 will need to file a renewal application and submit the required renewal fee by the expiration date. **Renewal applications will be open for submission beginning Thursday, May 1, 2025.** The renewal application cannot be accessed prior to that date. Any license renewed after the expiration date of June 30, 2025 will be assessed a late fee. For a step-by-step guide to the renewal application, please review [this guidance document on the Board's website](#).

**The term "distributor of dangerous drugs" or "drug distributor" refers to 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).*

*Please review the detailed information below to prepare for renewing your license(s).

Renewal begins May 1, 2025.

An email notification will be sent to the drug distributor on **May 1st** indicating the license can be renewed. Renewal applications cannot be submitted before that date.

All renewal applications must be submitted via the [state's eLicense system](#).

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy transitioned to the [state's new licensing system](#) on April 23, 2018. All applications and forms must now be submitted electronically. Any paper applications or forms sent to the Board will be returned and may cause a delay in the license renewal.

eLicense Ohio users must register for an account to renew and manage their licenses.

Individuals who will be renewing a distributor license must register for an account if they do not already have one for their professional licensure (pharmacist, physician, nurse, dentist, etc.).

For a step-by-step guidance on how to register for an account, please review [this document](#).

Individuals who have an eLicense account but need to associate the terminal distributor license with their profile will need to utilize the unique security code for each license. The Board has developed a search tool to assist users which can be accessed [here](#).

Renewal fees must be paid via credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover).

The renewal fee for a drug distributor license is as follows:

- Category 2: \$1,900.00
- Category 3: \$2,000.00
- eLicense System Transaction Fee: \$3.50*

IMPORTANT – The Board does not accept American Express or electronic check payments. Licensees can purchase a pre-paid Visa/MasterCard/Discover card with the total renewal fee amount. Multiple payments cannot be accepted.

**The eLicense System Transaction Fee will be assessed on each license that is renewed in the eLicense Ohio system operated by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Licensing boards and commissions do not receive revenue from this fee. The transaction fee is nonrefundable.*

If the distributor has experienced a [change in address, ownership, business name, and/or license category](#), a Change in Business Description should be submitted.

The Change in Business Description will qualify as renewal for the license therefore a renewal application will not be required. For instructions on submitting a Change in Business Description please review this [guidance document](#).

Any changes in Responsible Person should be submitted prior to the renewal of the distributor license.

Licensees should utilize the Change of Responsible Person service request in [eLicense Ohio](#). Please allow up to 7 business days for processing. For instructions on submitting a Change of Responsible Person, please review this [guidance document](#).

Please note: if you have submitted a Change of Responsible Person request that has not been approved, you can proceed with renewing your license. Please answer the eligibility question to indicate the RP is updated, even though the change request hasn't been reviewed.

To verify the responsible person on the distributor license, please utilize the Board's search feature here – [OBP License Lookup](#).

The Applicant and Responsible Person will be required to sign attestation pages and upload them to complete the renewal application.

The renewal application cannot be submitted without a signed attestation form by the Applicant and Responsible Person. Both forms must be signed even if the Applicant and the Responsible Person is the same individual.

Links to the forms are listed below:

- Applicant Attestation – www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/applicantattest
- Responsible Person Attestation – www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RPattest

Licenses that are no longer needed, must be discontinued properly.

If a current distributor license is no longer needed, a Written Notice of Discontinuation of Business form must be completed and submitted to the Board. Completed forms can be submitted via email to new.license@pharmacy.ohio.gov. The form is available [here](#).

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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