



Board of Pharmacy

Registered Pharmacy Technician Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements

Registered pharmacy technician renewal opened January 30th. Registered pharmacy technicians received an email on January 30th indicating the renewal period is open.

Because your registered pharmacy technician registration was issued on or after September 30, 2025, you are **not required** to complete continuing pharmacy education for the 2026 renewal.

On the renewal application, you will be asked whether you have completed the required continuing education. You should select the “**N/A—Registration issued within 6 mos. of expiration**” answer to the question.

For a step-by-step guide to completing your 2026 registered pharmacy technician renewal, please visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RegTechGuide.

Please Note: you will still be required to earn continuing education for the 2028 renewal period (between 4/1/2026 and 3/31/2028). For your future renewals, please review the Board's technician continuing education guidance document at www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechCE.

Upgrade to Certified Pharmacy Technician

Current registered pharmacy technicians who have obtained a national certification (CPHT with PTCB or ExCPT with NHA) are eligible to upgrade their registration at no cost from **January 30, 2026 to March 31, 2026**. Upgrade requests submitted outside of those dates will require a non-refundable fee.

Requirements:

- Valid certified pharmacy technician certification (PTCB/ExCPT).
- BCI and FBI Background check results within 2 years prior to application.

Steps for Submission:

1. Log in to [eLicense Ohio](http://eLicenseOhio.com).
2. Find the Registered Pharmacy Technician license tile, select 'Options', then 'License Upgrade'.
3. Complete the request application and upload documents.
4. Follow prompts until you receive confirmation the request was submitted with a request number (e.g., SR-#####).

The Board's licensing department will process all upgrade requests within 3 to 5 business days. If additional information or requirements are needed, the Board will email you directly.

All new certified pharmacy technician registrations will be issued with an expiration date of September 30, 2026. Therefore, all impacted technicians are required to renew and pay

the application fee in August-September of the same year (2026).



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