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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](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TraineeExpire)

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### **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.

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### **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](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html)

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