

OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.*

From the Director's Desk

Dear Ohio Pharmacists,

Several license application fees have changed, effective September 30, 2025. These changes were authorized by the Ohio General Assembly as part of the state's biennial budget (House Bill 96, 136th General Assembly). Please review this table to understand how these changes may impact your license/registration.

Pharmacy Technicians	
Pharmacy Technician Trainee	\$40.00
Registered Pharmacy Technician	\$65.00
Certified Pharmacy Technician	\$65.00
Terminal Distributors	
Category 2 (in-state)	\$360.00
Category 3 (in-state)	\$460.00
Reduced Fee (in-state EMS satellites, Veterinary Medicine, and sole prescriber-owned entities)	\$160.00
Non-Resident Pharmacies	\$500.00
Drug Distributors*	
Category 2 (in-state)	\$1,900.00
Category 3 (in-state)	\$2,000.00
Category 2 or 3 (nonresident)	\$2,000.00
Change of Responsible Person Requests	
Terminal and Drug Distributors – all types	\$15.00

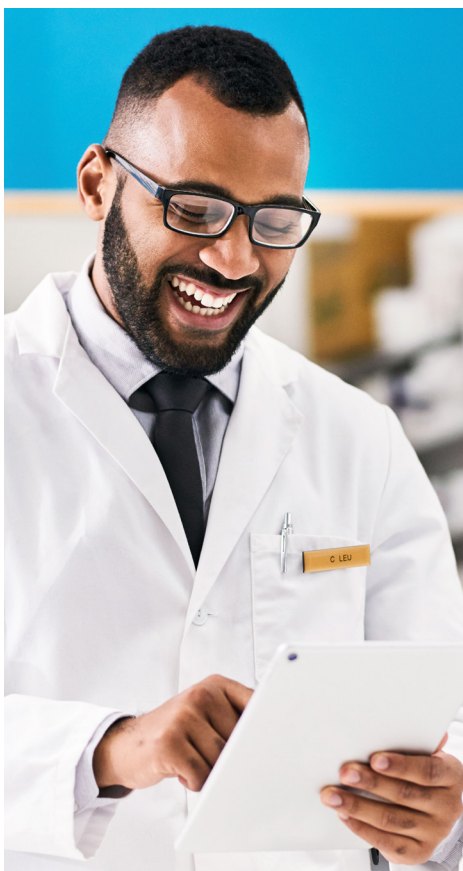
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The Ohio Board of Pharmacy will be taking the following actions over the next few months to implement the fee changes:

- All Terminal – Non-Resident Pharmacy license types (Category 2, Category 3, and Limited Category 2) will be consolidated into a single license type named **“Terminal – Non-Resident Pharmacy.”**



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- Drug Distributors located outside of the state of Ohio (nonresident) will receive an updated subcategory with an indication of nonresident status in the name. Example: A subcategory of "MF – Manufacturer" for a licensee in Tennessee will receive a new subcategory of "**MF – Manufacturer (nonresident).**"
- Change of responsible person service requests in the **eLicense Ohio system** will be redirected to a payment page for fee collection purposes. The change request will not be considered submitted and notified, as required in **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4729:5-2-01**

and **OAC 4729:6-2-01**, until payment has been successfully submitted.

All application and fee payments must be submitted electronically via **eLicense**. The Board does not accept check payments to its office. Valid payment methods for all license fees include Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. The Board does not accept electronic checks or American Express.

Thank you for all that you do to keep Ohioans safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Steven W. Schierholt, Esq
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Ohio Board of Pharmacy

New OARRS Features Aim to Improve Patient Care

The Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) has rolled out some exciting new features aimed at improving patient care. These new features include the following:

- **Updates to OARRS Patient Alerts** – Patient alerts for prescriber and dispenser thresholds were consolidated into a single indicator for when a patient receives a prescription for a controlled substance from **three or more prescribers** and **three or more dispensers** in a 90-day period. Additionally, the Daily Active MME Threshold alert occurs when a patient receives

a cumulative daily opioid dosage greater than 50 morphine milligram equivalents (MMEs). Prior to this change, a patient alert would appear if a patient exceeded a total MME of 100 and an average of 40 MME/day. For more information, visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRSPatientAlerts.

- **Launch of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Clarity** – OARRS patient reports now include information on patients who may be experiencing MOUD treatment discontinuation. This information is intended to

support a more comprehensive assessment by health care professionals, which may lead to more timely care coordination efforts. For more information, visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/MOUDclarity.

- **Launch of Co-Rx Clarity** – OARRS patient reports now include information on patients who may meet criteria in the OAC that require a provider to offer a prescription for an overdose reversal medication (such as naloxone). For more information, visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CoRxClarity.

Licensure Requirements for Investigational New Drug Products

The Board recently adopted guidance regarding licensure requirements for those engaged in clinical trials under **investigational new drug applications**.

For more information on these licensure requirements, the Board

developed the following guidance document: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/IND.

To prevent any disruption to research, the Board adopted a resolution on August 4, 2025, that grants those engaged in clinical

trials of an investigational new drug or product until February 4, 2026, to become appropriately licensed.

For more information and a copy of the resolution, visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/IND.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, October 25, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) hosted its National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at locations across the country. DEA and its partners collected tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. For more information, please visit www.DEATakeBack.com.

The Board has also published several resources regarding the disposal of drugs in Ohio. The resources can be found on the Board's website or by following this link: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/disposal.

Reminder: Board Is Offering Free Fentanyl Test Strips and Naloxone Brochures to All Ohio Licensees

The Board continues to offer all licensees fentanyl test strips at no cost and educational handouts in partnership with the Office of Governor Mike DeWine, RecoveryOhio, the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health, and the Ohio Department of Health. Each licensee can request up to two boxes of fentanyl strips per order (100 strips per box) and the Board's educational

handouts, which are available in English and Spanish (100 handouts per pack). Strips will be available until supplies last and may be reordered by the same location if running low.

Orders for fentanyl test strips and handouts must be placed online using the following link: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FTSorder.

In addition to test strips, licensees may request naloxone overdose and recognition brochures while supplies last. Use the following link to order: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/nalbrochure.

Due to grant funding restrictions, the Board is only able to offer strips to licensees located in the state of Ohio.

Licensee Scam Warning

The Board continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, etc) in attempts to extort money. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be on alert to avoid scammers.

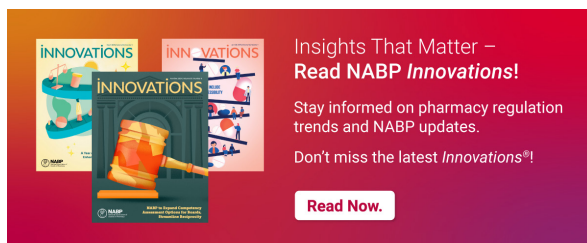
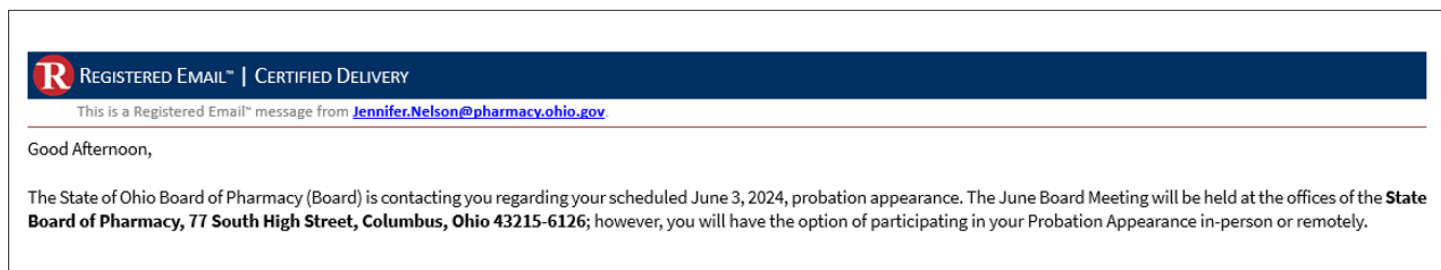
Scammers may try to initiate contact via phone calls, emails, faxes, and letters purporting to originate from various state and federal agencies that include allegations of drug trafficking and threats of suspension against the target's license.

Board investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency. If the Board is investigating and an individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail or by personal service.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's [online complaint form](#). Additionally, reports should be made to your local law enforcement agency.

If you receive any suspicious calls or correspondence purporting to be from the Board, you are encouraged to call (614/466-4143) or email (contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.

As licensees become more vigilant about looking out for scams, the Board would like to remind all licensees that official electronic registered mail from the Board of Pharmacy will sometimes have a **Registered Email | Certified Delivery** banner across the top, like in the image below. Emails with this banner are official correspondence from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.



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