



**STATE OF
OHIO**
BOARD OF PHARMACY

Authorization for Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians Licensed in Other States to Work in Ohio

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To address any possible workforce shortages during the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance authorizing pharmacists and pharmacy technicians licensed in other states to work in Ohio pharmacies under certain conditions. This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

Pharmacists

A pharmacist not licensed in Ohio, but currently licensed and in good standing in another state, may practice pharmacy in this state under the following conditions:

1. The licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs who employs the out-of-state pharmacist verifies the pharmacist is appropriately licensed in another state and is in good standing. Verification may be done using the online licensing system of the state in which the pharmacist was originally licensed. If the pharmacist is licensed in multiple states, verification may be conducted in any state where the pharmacist is currently licensed.

NOTE: "In good standing" means the pharmacist does not have a license, registration or certificate limited, on probation, suspended, or revoked by any public agency or licensing agency. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

2. Verification documentation must be maintained by the terminal distributor for three years in a readily retrievable manner (i.e. must be produced for review no later than three business days to an agent, officer or inspector of the Board).

3. The terminal distributor is responsible for training out-of-state pharmacy personnel to comply with the requirements of Ohio laws and rules governing the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of dangerous drugs. This includes compounding training as required by USP 795 and 797.

4. The terminal distributor submits an out-of-state employee notification form to the Board prior to the out-of-state pharmacist starting work in Ohio. [The form, along with submission instructions, can be accessed here.](#)

IMPORTANT: The [notification form](#) must be submitted in advance. Pharmacies that have identified potential personnel are encouraged to submit these individuals now rather than waiting until operational needs necessitate out-of-state personnel.

This guidance is in effect until rescinded by the Board.

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Pharmacy Interns

A pharmacy intern not licensed in Ohio, but currently licensed and in good standing in another state, may practice pharmacy in this state under the following conditions:

1. The licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs who employs the out-of-state pharmacy intern verifies the intern is appropriately licensed in another state and is in good standing. Verification may be done using the online licensing system of the state in which the intern was originally licensed. If the pharmacy intern is licensed in multiple states, verification may be conducted in any state where the intern is currently licensed.

NOTE: "In good standing" means the intern does not have a license, registration or certificate limited, on probation, suspended, or revoked by any public agency or licensing agency. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

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Pharmacy Technicians

A pharmacy technician not registered in Ohio, but currently licensed/registered and in good standing in another state, may practice in this state under the following conditions:

1. The licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs who employs the out-of-state pharmacy technician verifies the technician is appropriately licensed in another state and is in good standing. Verification may be done using the online licensing system of the state in which the technician was originally licensed. If the technician is licensed in multiple states, verification may be conducted in any state where the technician is currently licensed.

NOTE: "In good standing" means the pharmacy technician does not have a license, registration or certificate limited, on probation, suspended, or revoked by any public agency or licensing agency. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

2. An out-of-state pharmacy technician may only practice as a registered pharmacy technician, unless the technician holds a current certification from [ExCPT](#) or [PTCB](#).

3. Verification documentation must be maintained by the terminal distributor for three years in a readily retrievable manner (i.e. must be produced for review no later than three business days to an agent, officer or inspector of the Board).

4. The terminal distributor is responsible for training out-of-state pharmacy personnel to comply with the requirements of Ohio laws and rules governing the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of dangerous drugs. This includes compounding training as required by USP 795 and 797.

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Additional Information

For questions regarding this guidance, please e-mail the Board office by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx>.