



Extension of Registered Pharmacy Technician Renewal and Technician Trainee Extensions

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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 an extension of the renewal date for registered pharmacy technicians and automatic technician trainee extensions. This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

Registered Pharmacy Technician Renewal Extension

The registered pharmacy technician renewal date is being extended by 120 days. Pharmacy technician registrations are now valid until July 29, 2020. This means that registered pharmacy technicians have until July 29, 2020 to renew as well as complete the required continuing education requirements.

To account for this change, updates to registered pharmacy technicians' expiration dates in eLicense will occur prior to March 31, 2020. Regular communication will be sent to those technicians who have not yet renewed reminding them of the new expiration date and renewal deadline.

Registered pharmacy technicians who have already renewed successfully have an expiration date of March 31, 2022 and do not need to do anything else this year.

The Board will address the continuing education requirements for the 2022 renewal at a later date. Please email technician@pharmacy.ohio.gov for questions regarding the renewal process.

Automatic Extension of Technician Trainee Registrations – UPDATED 5/18/2020

Technician trainees who are set to have their registrations expire any time between 3/9/2020 through **7/31/2020** will be provided an automatic six-month extension to the trainee's registration.

Updates to pharmacy technician trainee registrations is manual and will be made over the next few days. Trainees will receive a notice via email of their updated expiration date.

Any trainee whose registration has already expired prior to March 9, 2020 will be required to submit an extension request form. Efforts will be made to expedite the review of these forms. The extension request form can be found here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/extension.



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