



Reinstatement of Lapsed or Expired Ohio Pharmacist Licenses During COVID-19

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In order to address possible workforce shortages during the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance on the reinstatement of lapsed or expired Ohio pharmacist licenses. This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

A pharmacist who has had an Ohio license lapse or expire, may apply for a temporary, no-cost license reinstatement under the following conditions:

1. The pharmacist's Ohio license lapsed or expired on or after September 15, 2017.
2. The pharmacist does not hold an active pharmacist license in any other state. **NOTE:** Pharmacists who hold an active license in another state must comply with this [guidance](#).
3. The pharmacist's license must have been in good standing at the time it lapsed or expired. "In good standing" means the pharmacist did not have a license, registration or certificate limited, on probation, suspended, or revoked by any public agency or licensing agency at the time the license expired or lapsed. This includes expired or lapsed licenses in other states.
4. The pharmacist shall submit a temporary, no-cost reinstatement application, including acknowledgement that the pharmacist's temporary license will expire on July 30, 2020.
5. A pharmacist that submits a [temporary reinstatement application](#) (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TempAPP) is not subject to the continuing education requirements set forth in 4729:1-5-02 of the Administrative Code.
6. A pharmacist must comply with standard requirements of late renewal should they wish to continue to practice after July 30, 2020.
7. A pharmacist shall not be required to submit criminal records checks (i.e. background checks) to obtain a temporary license.
8. A pharmacist that receives a temporary pharmacist license shall be subject to the same disciplinary measures set forth in sections [4729.16](#) and [3719.121](#) of the Revised Code, including summary suspension of the pharmacist's license should the Board be presented with clear and convincing evidence of a danger of immediate and serious harm to others.

This guidance is in effect until July 30, 2020 but may be extended by the Board.

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