



Board of Pharmacy

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Wildlife Animal Rehabilitation Facility Licensure to Begin 2/26/2026

Effective March 4, 2026, ORC [4729.531](#) allows a wild animal rehabilitation facility (WARF) to obtain from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy a limited terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) license solely for purchasing, possessing, and administering drugs for euthanizing animals and pre-euthanizing drugs for inducing anesthesia, sedation, or unconsciousness.

While the law does not allow the Board to begin licensing until March 4, 2026, current WARFs are encouraged to begin applying to the Board **starting February 26, 2026**. Please be advised that the Board cannot issue a limited TDDD license to a WARF until it has at least one agent or employee who is a certified euthanasia technician. Approved euthanasia certification courses can be accessed here: <https://ovmlb.ohio.gov/maintaining-your-license/continuing-education>.

To assist WARFs in obtaining licensure and compliance with Ohio law and rules, the Board developed a guidance document that can be found at www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/WARF. If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered will be to e-mail the Board office by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.

OARRS Guidance: Reporting Gabapentin Prescriptions From Veterinarians Without a DEA Registration

The Board has been made aware of instances where pharmacies are requesting DEA registration numbers for gabapentin prescriptions issued by veterinarians. As a reminder, gabapentin is not a CS in Ohio, so a veterinarian is not required to have a DEA registration number to prescribe the medication. Additionally, veterinarians do not have National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers.

As stated in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) data submission guide, here are the instructions for submitting gabapentin dispensation data in the event that a prescriber does not have a DEA registration or an NPI number:

- If the prescriber does not have a DEA Number, enter "OH1111119" in PRE02 (Prescriber DEA Number) and populate PRE01 (Prescriber NPI)
 - If the prescriber does not have an NPI Number, enter "1234567893" in PRE01 (Prescriber NPI Number) and populate PRE04 (Prescriber State License Number)
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Pharmacist Exam Application Information for New Graduates

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy recently sent out instructions and information on the requirements and process to apply for a pharmacist license in the State of Ohio for new graduates. The full guidance is available on the Board's website [here](#). To ensure you are approved to test upon graduation, follow the steps outlined in the guidance document closely.

You are also encouraged to check the status of your Pharmacy Intern license by visiting www.license.ohio.gov. Graduates with an **Active** intern license will still be permitted to work under that license until their pharmacist license is granted.

For questions, please email licensing@pharmacy.ohio.gov. Board staff will reply as quickly as possible.

Registered Pharmacy Technician Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements

Registered pharmacy technician renewal opened January 30th. Registered pharmacy technicians received an email on January 30th indicating the renewal period is open.

As part of the renewal process, a registered pharmacy technician will be required to complete a total of **ten contact hours** (1.0 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2026.

All registered pharmacy technicians must obtain a **free CPE monitor account** from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This account will be used to report and monitor the successful completion of ACPE-approved continuing pharmacy education.

NOTE: If your registered pharmacy technician registration was issued on or after September 30, 2025, you are **not required** to complete continuing pharmacy education for the 2026 renewal.

For a step-by-step guide to completing your 2026 registered pharmacy technician renewal, please visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RegTechGuide.

Attention Compounding Pharmacies - Board Adopts New USP 797 & USP 795 Standards - Enforcement Begins February 28, 2027

Effective February 28, 2026, revisions to OAC [4729:7-1-01](#) go into effect. These revisions require compliance with the newest versions of United States Pharmacopeia (USP) 797 & USP 795 (both adopted by USP on March 1, 2023). While the rule is effective on February 28, 2026, the Board has extended the enforcement date of the rule until **February 28, 2027**.

To assist both Ohio and non-resident pharmacies in complying with these new standards, the Board updated its compounding guidance documents:

- Pharmacy Compounding in Ohio (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/pharmcompound)
- Non-Resident Pharmacy Compounding in Ohio (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/NRPcompound)

For questions regarding pharmacy compounding standards, please review this document. If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered will be to e-mail the Board office by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact

2026 CPE Law Quiz

The Board of Pharmacy is pleased to provide a new 2026 CPE law quiz covering 2025 Ohio Board of Pharmacy newsletters for pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians. We encourage participants to first save a copy of the test and research the answers before continuing to the test. You will have only two attempts to pass the quiz. The Board does not submit passing results to CPE monitor. Please keep a copy of any certificate awarded from passing this quiz. Successful completion of this quiz provides one contact hour (0.1 CEU) of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved jurisprudence.

2026 Law Review and Responsible Person Virtual Presentations

Pharmacy Jurisprudence Continuing Education Offered

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!

Join the Ohio Board of Pharmacy for a presentation to learn about the latest developments in pharmacy laws and rules.

2026 Law Review topics will include:

- Remote dispensing pharmacies
- Electronic positive identification systems
- Administration of injections by pharmacists
- Updates to state and federal laws and rules

Prescriber Clinics/Med Spas topics will include:

- Top ten violations seen in inspections
- Appropriate drug procurement
- How to identify illegitimate drug products
- Prescriber clinic inspection guide and resources

Responsible Person 101 topics will include:

- Duties and responsibilities of a responsible person
- General requirements of a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs
- An overview of resources available to a responsible person
- Responsible person requirements

Who Should Attend?

2026 Law Review: Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, registered or certified pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy compliance staff employed by outpatient/community-based pharmacies.

Responsible Person 101: Anyone who is or will be a responsible person for a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs.

Prescriber Clinics/Med Spas: Clinicians, office managers, and legal counsel.

Registration: To register, please use this [link](#) and provide your name, license type and number, presentation date, NABP/CPE Monitor number, phone number, and employer.

For any questions, please email roundtable@pharmacy.ohio.gov or call 614-466-4143 and ask for the Compliance and Enforcement Department.

Continuing Pharmacy Education*: This presentation qualifies for 1 hour (0.1 CEU) of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved jurisprudence continuing education. Attendees must attend the entire presentation for full credit. Partial credit will not be issued. This is not an ACPE program.

*Continuing pharmacy education will be awarded to pharmacists and registered technicians only.

2026 Ohio Board of Pharmacy Presentations

2026 Law Review, Responsible Person 101, and Prescriber Clinic presentations will be conducted virtually via webinar. Registered attendees will receive webinar information 1-2 days prior to the program.

2026 Law Review Dates:

- March 5, 2026 - Thursday , 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes March 3rd)
- June 26, 2026 – Friday, 1:30 - 2:30pm (Registration closes June 22nd)
- September 25, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes September 23rd)
- December 18, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes December 16th)

Prescriber Clinics/Med Spas:

- April 24, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes April 22nd)
- August 21, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes August 19th)
- November 20, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes November 18th)

2026 Responsible Person 101 Presentations:

- March 13, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes March 11th)
- April 10, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes April 8th)
- May 8, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes May 6th)
- July 17, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes July 15th)
- August 7, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes August 5th)
- October 9, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes October 7th)
- December 4, 2026 - Friday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Registration closes December 2nd)

Be Vigilant - Watch Out for Scammers!

BOARD STAFF DO NOT ASK FOR MONEY OVER THE PHONE OR VIA EMAIL TO RESOLVE PENDING INVESTIGATIONS. WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE TARGET OF A SCAM.

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be 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 of Pharmacy 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 of Pharmacy is conducting an investigation and that individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail, personal service, or electronic registered mail.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's online complaint form: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint. 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 of Pharmacy, we encourage you to call (614-466-4143) or email (contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.



People call, text, and chat the 988 Lifeline to talk about a lot of emotional needs—not just thoughts of suicide. Whatever your reason, the #988Lifeline is there to help. There is hope.



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