

## Board of Pharmacy News Roundup – December 2024

Welcome to the monthly News Roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. To receive more details on any of the information reported here, click on the Board's website, [www.pharmacy.ca.gov](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov).

### **Upcoming Meeting: ALL meetings are open to the public; all are encouraged to attend.**

- **Full Board Meeting December 4, 2024**, click here for additional information on the meeting. [https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings\\_full.shtml](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings_full.shtml)
- **Disciplinary Petition Meeting December 18, 2024**, click here for additional information on the meeting. [https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings\\_disc\\_petition.shtml](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings_disc_petition.shtml)
- **Communication and Public Education Committee Meeting January 9, 2025**, click here for additional information on the meeting. [https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings\\_pub\\_ed.shtml](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings_pub_ed.shtml)
- **Enforcement and Compounding Committee Meeting January 9, 2025**, click here for additional information on the meeting. [https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings\\_enforcement.shtml](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings_enforcement.shtml)
- **Full Board Meeting January 29-30, 2025**, click here for additional information on the meeting. [https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings\\_full.shtml](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings_full.shtml)

### **Friendly Reminder!**

Starting January 1, 2025, **licenses that are eligible for renewal will be processed online.** Those who are eligible include:

- [Pharmacist](#)
- [Advanced Practice Pharmacist](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- [Designated Representative - Wholesaler](#)
- [Designated Representative - Veterinary Food-Animal Drug Retailer](#)
- [Designated Representative - 3PL](#)
- [Designated Representative – Reverse Distributor](#)

Paper renewal applications will no longer be mailed out to licensees. In its place, a postcard reminder will be sent approximately six weeks prior to the license expiration date and the licensee will renew by going to [www.pharmacy.ca.gov](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov). The postcard is only a reminder, if the licensee does not receive a postcard, they are still required to submit their payment on-time to avoid a delinquency fee and possible cancellation of the license.

*For Pharmacists and Advanced Practice Pharmacists, if your license **expired more than two years ago**, you are not eligible to renew your license online. Contact the Board at [RenewalStatus@dca.ca.gov](mailto:RenewalStatus@dca.ca.gov) for assistance.*

## **Fee Changes January 1, 2025**

Starting January 1, 2025, fees will change. Click here for the [new fee schedule](#). There is a fee decrease for technicians to make it more affordable and to help individuals maintain their license. Fees have been established within the statutory range, but at a lower rate than the established pre-set amount. The Board voted to lower the pharmacy technician renewal fee from \$180 to \$150 every two years. The fee for the issuance of a pharmacy technician license is \$120, decreased from \$195. The penalty fee for failure to renew has been decreased to \$75, this is down from \$97.50.

Links to help find renewal and fee information:

Personal License Renewal, [click here](#).

Facility License Information Renewal, [click here](#).

Fee Schedule, [click here](#).

Important information for licensees, click [here](#).

## **New Bill Expands Authority of Pharmacists**

Senate Bill 339 authorizes a pharmacist to furnish up to a 90-day course of preexposure prophylaxis, or preexposure prophylaxis beyond a 90-day course if specified conditions are met. Prior to this bill, pharmacists could only furnish a 30-day supply and up to a 60-day supply if certain conditions were met. This emergency regulation took effect on August 14, 2024.

The regulation requires that documentation of preexposure prophylaxis furnished and services provided shall be maintained in patient records, in the record system maintained by the pharmacy, for a minimum of three years from the date when the preexposure prophylaxis was furnished. The Board of Pharmacy has created a free training webinar. [Click here](#) for more information on the training.

## **Continuing Education Requirement: Two Hours in Law and Ethics**

Effective July 29, 2024, Continuing Education (CE) requirements include participating in a Board provided CE course in Law and Ethics.

When applying for license renewal, each pharmacist must submit satisfactory proof they have successfully completed thirty hours of approved CE courses in the twenty-four months preceding their renewal application. (16 CCR section 1732.5(a).) ***Two of those thirty hours*** shall be completed by participating in a Board provided CE course in Law and Ethics.

For more information, please see the [FAQ list](#) on the website.

## **Communication**

All licensed facilities, pharmacists, intern pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and designated representatives are **required to subscribe** to alerts from the Board. To sign up, go to the “Quick Hits” column on the Board’s [homepage](#) and click on “[Subscriber Alerts - Sign Up for Email Notifications](#)”.

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