

Board of Pharmacy News Roundup – May 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.

Upcoming Meeting:

- **Disciplinary Petition Committee meeting May 8, 2024, 9:00am** The committee meeting is open to the public, all are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held both in person and in teleconference via Webex. Click here for additional information on the meeting.
https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/meetings_disc_petition.shtml

What's New

- **Continuing Education *NEW* FAQs – Pharmacy Technicians** A new updated FAQ has been posted to the [Board's FAQ page on the website](#). Questions that are answered included:
 - What are the CE requirements to renew my pharmacy technician (TCH) license?
 - Does the Board have a list of recommended CE providers and/or courses?
 - Do I need to submit proof of completion of CE with my license renewal application?
 - Why has my license status been changed to "CE Inadequate – License Held" even though I completed my CE?
 - Can the Board issue an extension if I cannot finish my CE on time?
 - Can the Board issue an exemption from completion of the cultural competency CE renewal requirement for a TCH license?
 - Aside from the cultural competency CE requirement, are there any other CE requirements for pharmacy technicians to renew their Board-issued license?
- **License Expiring June 30th or July 1st?** As the end of the State's fiscal year on June 30 approaches, the California State Board of Pharmacy (Board) expects up to a **two-week delay** in processing payments submitted via mail for license renewals during the last week of June and first week of July.

If your facility or individual license is set to expire on June 30 or July 1, 2024, the Board urges you to mail your renewal payment early to avoid delay in processing. To ensure the Board's online verification system accurately reflects your license renewal status during the delay period, **please mail your payment by June 10, 2024. To download a renewal application form, go to the Board's website at www.pharmacy.ca.gov and click**

the Licensees tab at the top of the homepage. Mail your renewal application and payment to: Board of Pharmacy, 2720 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. **Note:** Payments for some license renewals can be submitted online and will not be affected by delay. Information about renewing your license online also is available under Licensees at www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

As a reminder, licenses **cannot be renewed any earlier than 60 days before the expiration date** of the license. Please do not remit a renewal payment earlier than 60 days before the expiration date.

- **CURES Version Update** Beginning August 1, 2024, all California dispensers of controlled substances will be required to report dispensations to the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) using version 4.2B of the American Society of Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) format. On and after this date, data submitted using the current CURES ASAP version 4.1 format will no longer be accepted.

Prompt action by licensees who dispense controlled substances is recommended.

Technical implementation of this update to data submission software may take considerable time. Contact your data submission software provider and confirm they are preparing for this upcoming ASAP version change.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has shared information about the ASAP format change and suggested action steps for data submitters. Please visit the [OAG's CURES Website](#) frequently for updates and informational bulletins.

For information about CURES, visit DCA's [CURES information page](#).

Newsletter

- Watch for the **May 2024** issue of The Script. The newsletter will be released soon. And a friendly reminder that the [Special Edition of The Script](#) is posted on the website for in depth information on **AB 1286, the Patient Safety Measure**.

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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