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**To: Interested Parties**  
**From: Oregon Board of Pharmacy**  
**Date: January 2, 2015**  
**Re: Rule Changes**

On December 3, 2014 the Oregon Board of Pharmacy adopted, amended or repealed rules. Major changes in Division 019 Licensing of Pharmacists, Division 021 Pharmacists Continuing Education, Division 025 Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians, Division 041 Prescription Refills, and Division 110 Fee rules are highlighted below. For a complete listing of all rules adopted, amended or repealed at the December Board Meeting please visit our website at: [www.pharmacy.state.or.us](http://www.pharmacy.state.or.us) and click on the "[Laws and Rules](#)" tab.

## **[DIVISION 019 LICENSING OF PHARMACISTS](#)**

- Effective **January 1, 2015** rules in Division 019 are amended to reflect a change in the expiration date of Pharmacist licensure.
- Beginning during the 2015 renewal cycle Pharmacist licenses will be valid for two years and will be renewed on a biennial basis in odd numbered years.
- Pharmacists are required to provide the Board with a valid e-mail address and notify the Board in writing, within 15 days, of any change. Note that e-mail addresses will be obtained during the Pharmacist 2015 renewal cycle.
- A more streamlined process for the reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license has also been established.

## **[DIVISION 021 PHARMACIST CONTINUING EDUCATION](#)**

- Effective **July 1, 2015** Pharmacists are required to complete three continuing pharmacy education units (30 hours) from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of each biennial license renewal cycle in an approved continuing pharmacy education program.
- This means that 1.5 continuing pharmacy education units (15 hours) between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015 are required to satisfy the 2015 renewal requirements. Three continuing pharmacy education units (30 hours) will need to be obtained between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 to satisfy Pharmacist continuing education requirements for the 2017 renewal cycle.

## **[DIVISION 025 CERTIFIED OREGON PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS](#)**

- Effective **January 1, 2015** Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians are required to be 18 years of age and hold either a high school diploma or GED. Note that the age requirement does not apply to persons currently under the age of 18 licensed by the Board as a Pharmacy Technician prior to January 1, 2015.

- The Pharmacy Technician license is only valid for one year except by petition to the Board or it may be reinstated if lapsed for more than five years.
- Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians are required to obtain national certification from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) or National Healthcareer Association (NHA) for *initial licensure* only. Subsequent renewals do not require maintenance of national certification.
- Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians are required to provide the Board with a valid e-mail address and notify the Board in writing, within 15 days, of any change. Note that e-mail addresses will be obtained during the Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician 2015 renewal cycle.
- Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians are required to complete 10 continuing pharmacy education hours from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.
- A more streamlined process for the reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license has also been established.

### **DIVISION 041 PRESCRIPTION REFILLS**

- Effective **January 1, 2016** new requirements for the use of auto-refill programs, reminders, and pick-up notification for retail pharmacies become operative.
- These rules do not go into effect until January 1, 2016 in order to provide retail pharmacies with sufficient time to modify their automated systems and notify patients as appropriate.
- Guidance on new requirements will be forthcoming.

### **DIVISION 044 RECORDS**

- Effective **December 4, 2014** a waiver clause was established in the records section of the Charitable Pharmacy rules.

### **DIVISION 110 FEES**

- Effective **April 1, 2015** the fee structure for the 2015 Pharmacist biennial licensure renewal cycle is implemented.
- Beginning in the 2015 Pharmacist renewal cycle the Pharmacist renewal fee will be \$120.00. The license will be valid until June 30, 2017.
- Additional Pharmacist fees mandated by the Legislature will now be collected on a biennial basis i.e. the electronic prescription monitoring fund.

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