

4729:1-5-02

**Continuing Education Requirements for Pharmacists.****(A)**

- (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (A)(2), (A)(3) and (F) of this rule, four C.E.U.s (40 contact hours) of approved continuing education shall be completed by a pharmacist licensed in accordance with Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code prior to the renewal of the pharmacist's license. At least 0.2 C.E.U.s of the total required C.E.U.s must be obtained in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.2 C.E.U.s of the total required C.E.U.s must be obtained in patient or medication safety.
- (2) A pharmacist who obtains an initial license by reciprocity or examination after September fifteenth in an odd-numbered year or during an even-numbered year shall complete two C.E.U.s (20 contact hours) of approved continuing education to be completed prior to the renewal of the pharmacist's license. At least 0.1 C.E.U. of the total required C.E.U.s must be obtained in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.1 C.E.U of the total required C.E.U.s must be obtained in patient or medication safety.
- (3) A pharmacist who obtains an initial license by reciprocity or examination prior to May first in an odd-numbered year shall complete two C.E.U.s (20 contact hours) of approved continuing education to be completed prior to the renewal of the pharmacist's license. At least 0.1 C.E.U. of the total required C.E.U.s must be obtained in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.1 C.E.U of the total required C.E.U.s must be obtained in patient or medication safety.

**(B)**

- (1) A pharmacist may satisfy the continuing pharmacy education requirements in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule by providing evidence at the time of renewal that the pharmacist has met the requirements of and is currently certified by a board approved pharmacy practice-specific specialty certification program.
- (2) Pharmacists who meet the requirements pursuant to paragraph (B)(1) of this rule shall be required to complete either of the following prior to renewal:
  - (a) At least 0.2 C.E.U.s in pharmacy jurisprudence and 0.2 C.E.U.s in patient or medication safety. The C.E.U.s must be obtained within a period that is no more than two years prior to September fifteenth of the year in which a pharmacist's license must be renewed.

(b) If the pharmacist obtains initial licensure in accordance with paragraphs (A)(2) and (A)(3) of this rule, at least 0.1 C.E.U. in pharmacy jurisprudence and 0.1 C.E.U. in patient or medication safety. The C.E.U.s must be obtained within a period that is no more than two years prior to September fifteenth of the year in which a pharmacist's license must be renewed.

(C)

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (C)(2) of this rule, C.E.U.s must be obtained within a period that is no more than two years prior to September fifteenth of the year in which a pharmacist's license must be renewed.

(2) A pharmacist obtaining initial licensure by reciprocity or examination may apply C.E.U.s obtained during the pharmacist's initial period of licensure to meet the continuing education requirements set forth in this rule.

(D) If continuing pharmacy education is required after a pharmacist's license has lapsed or where the license is being renewed after board action, continuing education must be obtained during the three-year period immediately preceding the date the renewal application is filed with the board office. A pharmacist shall obtain two C.E.U.s for each year the pharmacist's license has lapsed or is subject to board action.

(E) C.E.U.s obtained that exceed the required C.E.U.s at the time continuing education is required for licensure renewal may not be transferred and applied to future requirements.

(F) For the 2019 pharmacist license renewal cycle only, all pharmacists seeking renewal of a pharmacist license shall comply with the following:

(1) For a pharmacist with a license number that begins with "03-1", either:

(a) Complete six C.E.U.s. The C.E.U.s shall be obtained within a period that is no more than three years prior to September 15, 2019. The C.E.U.s shall include at least 0.3 C.E.U.s in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.2 C.E.U.s in patient or medication safety.

(b) Comply with the requirements of paragraph (B)(1) of this rule and complete at least 0.3 C.E.U.s in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.2 C.E.U.s in patient or medication safety. The required C.E.U.s must be obtained within a period that is no more than three years prior to September 15, 2019.

(2) For a pharmacist with a license number that begins with "03-2", either:

- (a) Complete four C.E.U.s. The C.E.U.s shall be obtained within a period that is no more than two years prior to September 15, 2019. The C.E.U.s shall include at least 0.2 C.E.U.s in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.1 C.E.U. in patient or medication safety.
  - (b) Comply with the requirements of paragraph (B)(1) of this rule and complete at least 0.2 C.E.U.s in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.1 C.E.U. in patient or medication safety. The required C.E.U.s must be obtained within a period that is no more than two years prior to September 15, 2019.
- (3) For a pharmacist with a license number that begins with "03-3", either:
  - (a) Complete two C.E.U.s. The C.E.U.s shall be obtained within a period that is no more than one year prior to September 15, 2019. The C.E.U.s shall include at least 0.1 C.E.U. in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.1 C.E.U. in patient or medication safety.
  - (b) Comply with the requirements of paragraph (B)(1) of this rule and complete at least 0.1 C.E.U. in pharmacy jurisprudence and at least 0.1 C.E.U. in patient or medication safety. The required C.E.U.s must be obtained within a period that is no more than one year prior to September 15, 2019.
- (4) All pharmacist license renewals after September 15, 2019, regardless of license number, shall comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in paragraph (A) or paragraph (B) of this this rule.
- (G) Ohio-licensed pharmacists who hold a current license in states where continuing education is mandatory, have met the continuing pharmacy education requirements of that state, and who have not practiced pharmacy in Ohio at any time during the two years prior to the renewal date in which a pharmacist's license must be renewed, may renew their license in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code without having to comply with the requirements of this rule.
- (H) A pharmacist may satisfy up to one-third of the pharmacist's continuing education requirements by providing health care services as a volunteer in accordance with section 4745.04 of the Revised Code. The location where health care services are provided shall be an approved in-state provider of volunteer healthcare services in accordance with rule 4729-6-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (I) Pharmacists shall keep all certificates and other documented evidence of participation that have been issued by a non-A.C.P.E. accredited provider for approved C.E.U.s for which the pharmacist has claimed continuing education units towards licensure

renewal for a period of one year following the year in which continuing education was required for renewal.

(1) Documentation, as determined by the state board of pharmacy, shall be submitted only when requested by the board.

(2) The board shall monitor compliance by conducting an audit of licensees.

(3) The board shall require the reporting of continuing education units to a national or state register.

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