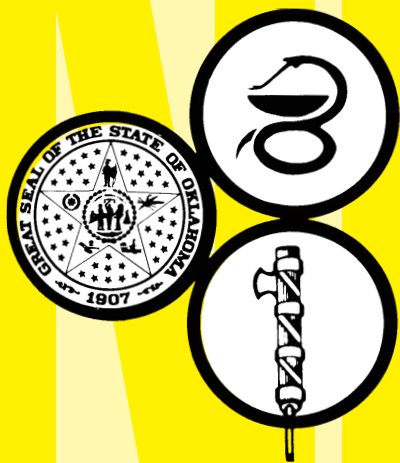


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Guidelines For CE Violations

The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy reviewed and adopted *Guidelines for CE Violations/Penalties*. The new guidelines are as follows:

First Offense: \$50 fine for each hour or partial hour of missing or falsified continuing education (CE) with a \$200 minimum. An additional four hours of CE for each hour or partial hour missing or falsified will be required. Copies of original CE certificates must be submitted for the next license renewal.

Second Offense: \$100 fine for each hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE with a \$400 minimum. An additional four hours of CE for each hour or partial hour missing or falsified will be required. Copies of original CE certificates must be submitted for the next three years of license renewal.

Board Sets Rule Hearing Date

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed hospital rules and general rule revisions. A consensus was reached on the proposed rules, and the rule hearing date was set for March 14, 2001. **Editor's Note: The Board appreciates all of the pharmacists who participated in the development of the new rules. Thanks for your efforts to improve pharmaceutical care and to protect the Oklahoma public.**

Employee Recognition

President Carl D. Lyons presented staff members, Rhonda Jenkins and Mary Ann Terral, with a commendation from Governor Frank Keating and a state service pin for five years and 15 years of service respectively. Congratulations!

Reciprocities and Score Transfers

The following reciprocities and score transfers were accepted into Oklahoma after successful completion of the jurisprudence exam: Heather E. Bell (NY), #12836; Jignesh Patel (Tex), #12837; Edward K. Baker (Wyo), #12838; Brad A. Bishop (Ohio), #12839; James Buchholz (Ariz), #12840; Venetia Lynn Perry (Ga), #12841; Angela Dawn Stanley (Tex), #12842.

Disciplinary Actions

RPh #9588 – Case 582. The respondent entered into an Agreed Order with the Board. He was found guilty on four (4) counts

of violating the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. Counts were related to refilling Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) prescriptions too early. Respondent's license was placed on probation for four (4) years. He was fined a total of \$1,600 and agreed to pay \$1,000 toward the Board's cost of investigation. He also agreed to attend the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA) law seminar in the years 2001 and 2002.

RPh #7271 – Case 585. The respondent entered into an Agreed Order with the Board. He was found guilty of four (4) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. Counts were related to filling numerous forged prescriptions. Respondent's license was placed on probation for one (1) year. He was fined a total of \$600 and agreed to pay \$250 toward the Board's cost of investigation. He also agreed to obtain live continuing education and attend the OPhA law seminar in the years 2001 and 2002. This is in addition to required CE.

RPh #11724 – Case 586. The respondent entered into an Agreed Order with the Board. She was found guilty of four (4) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. Counts were related to filling numerous forged prescriptions. Respondent's license was placed on probation for one (1) year. She was fined a total of \$950 and agreed to pay \$500 toward the Board's cost of investigation. She also agreed to obtain live CE and attend the OPhA law seminar in the years 2001 and 2002. This is in addition to required CE.

RPh #9706 – Case 573. Respondent appeared before the Board to request that the suspension of his license be removed. His license was placed on probation until May 31, 2010. He must continue his contract with Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists and continue making timely payments on his fine.

Important Notice to All Registrants

Effective **July 1, 2000**, Oklahoma law requires any person applying for or renewing a state license to be in compliance with state income tax laws – **this means pharmacists, interns and technicians**. Registrants with tax holds **cannot renew their permit and cannot work** until they resolve this hold. For interns, a tax hold not only prevents the renewal of their intern certificate but **also prohibits them from receiving a registered pharmacist certificate**. If this law affects you, contact the **Oklahoma Tax Commission, Taxpayer**

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Assistance Division, Professional Licensing Compliance Unit at 405/522-6800.

Change of USP Expiration Date Standard

The US Pharmacopeia has revised its expiration date standard for repackaging non-sterile, unit-dose containers from 25% of the remaining time until the expiration date on the stock bottle or six months, whichever is less, to the **actual expiration date on the stock bottle or one year, whichever is earlier.** It is the pharmacist's responsibility to consider the nature of the drug repackaged and the type of repackaging system, along with the manufacturer's product labeling and projected storage conditions when determining the expiration date.

Reminder from Inspectors

Board inspectors have been seeing quite a bit of expired prescription drugs in pharmacies during inspections. Be advised that all outdated medications must be **removed from the pharmacy** either by destruction or by return to the supplier **within six months of expiration.** The Board will be taking a stronger stance on this issue.

Congratulations

The following candidates have successfully passed the Oklahoma Jurisprudence Exam and were issued a license upon successfully passing the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination™ (NAPLEX®): Peter Mbela Fokam, #12830; Nita Bhagwat Patel, #12831; Robin D. Pearson, #12932; Frank Zane Skalicky, #12833; Ila T. Devani, #12834; Marla D. Carter, #12835; David Lee Hodge, Jr, #12843; Shane Alan Kelly, #12844; David Barrett Hughes, #12845; Theodore Thomas Mauck, #12846; and Ryan Todd Skinner, #12847.

Renewal Reminder

Pharmacists: Renewal notices will be mailed in May. Please remember that it is your responsibility to keep your license current, whether or not you receive a renewal notice. If you do not receive your renewal notice because you have moved, or for any other reason, you are still subject to the penalty fee. If you have not received your renewal notice by June 1, contact the Board office.

Alternate PharmD

If you are a pharmacist and enrolled in and attending coursework in an alternate PharmD program, the annual 15 clock hours of CE for renewal may be fulfilled by listing your course information (ie, dates, school, and **15 clock hours**) in the appropriate CE section of your renewal form.

Technician Permits Canceled

The Board has canceled the permits of pharmacy technicians who failed to renew their permits for the year February 1, 2001, through January 31, 2002. Please make sure that all of your technicians have a current permit posted.

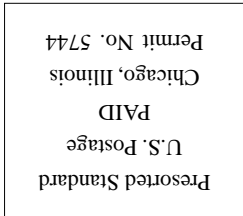
New Rules Posted on Web Site

The Board Web site now has **new rules and rule revisions posted.** New **hospital rules** will be approved this legislative session. There will also be some **fee increases.** Fees have not been increased in nine years and Board expenses have increased. Some old rules will possibly be rescinded. You may visit our Web site at www.state.ok.us/~pharmacy. Use the Web site to keep up with Board announcements, to download forms, applications, and *Newsletters*, and to find links to other helpful sites. You may also e-mail the Board at pharmacy@oklaosf.state.ok.us.

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) is readily available for help. Pharmacists in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana may call the OPHP Help-Line at 800/260-7574 ext 5. All others may call OPHP at 405/528-3338. All calls are confidential.

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