



Georgia Board of Pharmacy *NEWS*

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BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE CHANGES

Rule	Title	Effective Date
480-1-.01	Organization of the Board	August 13, 2024
480-3-.03	Continuing Pharmacy Education	August 13, 2024
480-5-.04	Impaired Pharmacists, Interns or Externs	August 27, 2024
480-6-.01	Pharmacy Licenses	August 13, 2024
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480-7-.01	Manufacturer's Permit	August 13, 2024
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480-7-.05	Reverse Distributors	August 13, 2024
480-7A-.03	Restriction on the Distribution of Listed Chemicals	August 13, 2024
480-7A-.04	Requirements for Licensure as a Listed Chemical Wholesale Distributor	August 13, 2024
480-7A-.06	Records and Recordkeeping; Reporting Requirements	August 27, 2024
480-7B-.02	DME Supplier Licensing Requirements	August 13, 2024
480-8-.02	Registration	August 13, 2024
480-10-.06	Licensure, Applications, and Display of License and Renewal Certificate	August 13, 2024
480-13-.02	Licensure and Registration	August 13, 2024

480-15-.02	Registration of Pharmacy Technicians and Continuing Education Requirements	August 27, 2024
480-18-.02	Licensure and Registration	August 13, 2024
480-19-.04	Record Keeping for Over-the-counter (OTC) Sales of Exempt Schedule V Controlled Substance Drug Products Containing Pseudoephedrine	August 27, 2024
480-22-.11	Transfer Between Pharmacies of Controlled Substance Prescription Drug Order Information for Refill Purposes	August 13, 2024
480-33-.01	Definitions	August 13, 2024
480-33-.02	Licensure and Registration	August 13, 2024
480-34-.16	Naloxone Hydrochloride Nasal Spray	August 27, 2024
480-38-.04	Communications	August 13, 2024
480-40-.04	Witness Lists and Respondent Statements	August 13, 2024
480-52-.07	Licensure, Applications, and Display of License and Renewal Certificate	August 13, 2024

New for 2024 Pharmacist License Renewal

The 2024 renewal includes additional survey questions in support of House Bill 1013 (HB1013), “The Mental Health Parity Act”, signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp on April 4, 2022. Licensees must respond to these survey questions as a requirement for renewal of their license. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

CBD Regulations and SB 494

Any pharmacy selling hemp products will be required to obtain a license from the Dept of Agriculture beginning October 1, 2024. Inspectors from the Dept of Agriculture will be allowed to inspect records and product in retail locations, including pharmacies. GDNA does recommend keeping all hemp products outside of the pharmacy to protect patient information.

Change of Ownership and License Retention

The Board does have a process to retain the same pharmacy license after a change in pharmacy ownership. See Rule 480-6-.01-3

- (3) No license issued under this Rule shall be transferred or assigned by a licensee. However, the Board may reassign a license to a licensee or successor entity by request upon application to the Board.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Pharmacy Technician CE Requirements

On and after July 1, 2023, as a requirement for the biennial renewal of his/her registration, a pharmacy technician must complete not less than twenty (20) hours of approved continuing education. (a) “Approved continuing education” means courses approved by the Board as described in Rule 480-3-.03. (b) One hour of C.E. is defined as 0.1 C.E.U. Each pharmacy technician in the State of Georgia must obtain 20 hours of continuing education or 2.0 C.E.U.’s per biennium for registration renewal. 1. Certificates documenting 20 hours of approved continuing education or 2.0 C.E.U.’s must be completed and date within the biennium. (c) During the technician’s first registration cycle, 1. A pharmacy technician registered during the first six (6) months of the biennium July 1 Year-One to Dec 31, Year-One, shall be required to obtain 20 hours of C.E. 2. A pharmacy technician registered during the following twelve (12) months Jan 1, Year-Two to December 31, Year-Two, shall be required to obtain 10 hours of C.E. 3. A pharmacy technician registered during the last six (6) months January 1, Year-3 to June 30, Year-Three of the biennium, shall be exempt from continuing education for that biennium only. A pharmacy technician qualified to administer vaccines pursuant to O.C.G.A 26-4-52 and Rule 480-15-.04(8), must complete a minimum of two hours of immunization related continuing pharmacy education approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or similar health authority or professional body approved by the Board during each biennium preceding application for renewal of his or her certificate of registration.

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Public Board Meetings

December 18, 2024
January 15, 2025 (Mercer Univ)
February 12, 2025
March 19, 2025
April 9, 2025 (South Univ)
May 21, 2025
June 18, 2025

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