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**To: Pharmacy Technicians**

**From: Oregon Board of Pharmacy**

**Date: April 3, 2023**

**Re: Renewal Information for Pharmacy Technician licenses expiring 6/30/2023**

On February 16, 2022, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy adopted temporary rules regarding pharmacy technician licensure, found in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 855, Divisions [025](#), [021](#) and [110](#). These changes included the option to renew a Pharmacy Technician (PT) license.

In the period of April 2022 - June 30, 2023, the total fees to renew a PT license is \$54.00. For additional information regarding applicable fees, please see [OAR 855-110-0005\(8\)](#).

Once renewed, a PT license will have an expiration date of 6/30/2024. No Continuing Education (CE) is required for the 6/30/2023 renewal of a PT license but will be required for renewal in 2024.

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You must now do **one** of the following by June 30, 2023, to maintain active licensure:

### **OPTION 1**

Renew PT license no later than 6/30/2023.

- If you have taken and passed a national pharmacy technician certification exam offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) or the National Healthcareer Association (NHA), you are now eligible to apply for licensure as a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician (COPT). Please submit a COPT license application as soon as possible to avoid a lapse in active licensure.
- Licensure as COPT is optional, for continued licensure. The PT license is renewable, and you may choose to remain licensed as a PT.

### **OPTION 2**

Take and pass a national certification exam and obtain licensure as a COPT prior to June 30, 2023.

- Once you have taken and passed the national certification exam, submit a COPT license application as soon as possible, but before June 30, 2023, to avoid a lapse in active licensure.
  - Please check with your employer regarding any employer requirements to obtain national certification and hold COPT license.
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### **Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician License Information:**

If you have taken and passed a national pharmacy technician certification exam offered by the PTCB or the NHA, you are eligible to apply for licensure as a COPT. Please submit a COPT license application as soon as possible, but before June 30, 2023, to avoid a lapse in active licensure.

To ensure timely issuance of your COPT license, *be sure to submit all required documents at the time of application*. Submission of an incomplete application, delay in completing the fingerprinting requirement and the review of any arrest or violations of the law, will increase the time it takes for a license to be issued.

Please note: extension of a pharmacy technician license is no longer applicable. Your new COPT license will be issued once the Board receives a complete application and the license has been approved.

- If this occurs after 6/30/2023, you will need to renew your PT license to maintain active licensure until your COPT license is issued.
- All newly issued COPT licenses will have an expiration date of 6/30/2024.
- CE requirements for the 2024 renewal can be found in [OAR 855-021](#).
- See [OAR 855-135](#) for CE requirements effective 7/1/2023.