

Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician
Continuing Education (CE) FAQs for the 2018 License Renewal

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ!****

1. Do I have to have to hold an active PTCB or NHA national certification to renew my Oregon license?

No.

2. How many hours of CE do I have to complete to renew my Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician license?

- 20 hours of CE must be completed during the period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018.
 - Required CE includes:
 - ✓ 2 hours of Pharmacy Law
 - ✓ 2 hours of Patient Safety or Medication Error Prevention
 - ✓ 16 hours of continuing pharmacy education or documented onsite training which has been approved by the Board

*If you have more than 2 hours in either of the categories listed above, you may count those hours toward the remaining 16 “other” hours. The Oregon Board of Pharmacy recognizes CE that is ACPE accredited as well as those that have been approved by the Board. Please take the time to check your certificates to verify that you have the required number of hours and that the ACPE or Oregon Board of Pharmacy approval is listed on your certificates.

Please note: The Oregon Board of Pharmacy performs random CE audits. If selected, you will be required to provide proof of CE completed between July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018. If you are audited and it is found that you did not complete the required Continuing Education, **you will be subject to disciplinary action.** Audit notices will be sent out via email in the fall of 2018.

3. Does the Oregon Board of Pharmacy accept CME (continuing medical education) for pharmacist or certified technician CE?

Yes, the Oregon BOP recognizes formal CME that is designated as *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*, related to pharmacy topics, applicable toward RPH and CPT required CE. Be sure that your attendance certificate has this designation, and retain your certificate(s) in the event you are audited in an upcoming cycle.

4. Should I submit my CE to the Board?

Please do not submit your CE to the Board unless you receive an audit notice via email after the renewal that requests proof of CE. If you are selected for audit, the letter will include instructions for submitting your CE. In the online renewal process, you will be asked to enter the number of hours you have completed for each category.

5. Do I have to do the law CE on the Board website?

No. The Pharmacy Law CE on Board website is one option available for your law CE, but is not required.

6. Does my CE have to be “live” or “technician specific” to count for my Oregon license?

No.

7. My license was issued on or after July 1, 2017 **AND** I have *not completed my first renewal*. Do I have to complete all of the CE hours listed above?

No. [OAR 855-025-0015\(2\)\(b\)](#) states that “...does not apply to a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician applying for the first renewal of their license, if they have not been licensed by the Board for at least one year prior to July 1 of the renewal period.”