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Pharmacist Renewals and CE

Pharmacist renewal notices for 2024-2025 were emailed in early February if you validated your email address with the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation – Board of Pharmacy. To access your renewal online, you will need your user ID and password. The email renewal will contain a link that will allow you to reset your user ID and password. To make the process smoother for all, please make sure your correct email is on file with the Board.

If you choose not to renew online, you may request a paper renewal form from the Board office and renew by mailing the completed form and proper fees. If mailed, the Board must receive the application **before** April 1, 2024, including all required fees, data, and certification of acceptable continuing education (CE). If not postmarked **before** April 1, a penalty of \$50 must be assessed per state law. Please plan accordingly, as there are times when incorrect answers stop the process and cause the renewal to be late.

Renewal applications submitted between April 1 and April 30, 2024, must include the renewal fee plus the \$50 renewal penalty, in addition to evidence that the applicant meets the renewal requirements. If you do not renew by April 30, 2024, your license will be considered lapsed. You may be disciplined for unlicensed practice if you work in South Carolina with a lapsed license.

When renewing, you must attest that you have **completed** the annual requirement of 15 hours of CE. At least 50% of the total must be in drug therapy or patient management. At least one hour must be related to the approved procedures for monitoring the controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV as noted in South Carolina Code of Laws Annotated §§ 44-53-210,

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44-53-230, and 44-53-250. If you are a pharmacist who administers immunizations, you must complete at least one hour of Category 1 continuing medical education or Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-accredited continuing pharmacy education related to the administration of vaccines as part of your annual licensure requirements. In addition, if you are a pharmacist who dispenses oral contraceptives via the Pharmacy Access Protocol, you are required to have one hour of CE related to contraceptives.

Please make sure your CE meets all the specific requirements outlined above **before** renewing your license. You may not renew until all CE requirements have been fulfilled.

As required by state law, a random CE audit of 10% of licensees will be conducted after renewals are processed. Please respond promptly if you are selected for the audit. Disciplinary action may be taken if you cannot provide documentation that all CE requirements were completed prior to renewal.

As a reminder, the license year runs from May 1 through April 30. All CE needs to have been obtained during the previous license year (May 1, 2023, through time of renewal) to be valid. If you are using excess carryover hours, a total of 30 hours must have been obtained between May 1, 2022, and the time of your renewal. It is the responsibility of the licensee to document which hours are used for each license year.

Please note, if this is your first renewal since receiving your license, you are exempt from the CE requirements.

Notification of Changes

SC Code Ann §40-43-86(B)(3)(b) requires the pharmacist-in-charge to notify the Board within 10 days if there is a change in any of the following:

- (i) change of employment or responsibility as the pharmacist-in-charge;
- (ii) change of ownership of the pharmacy;
- (iii) change of address of the pharmacy; or
- (iv) permanent closing of the pharmacy.

Forms for notification can be found [here](#) on the Board's website. Completed forms should be submitted to contact.pharmacy@lrr.sc.gov. Please do not submit forms to individual email accounts.

Going Electronic

Beginning February 1, 2024, the Board will no longer mail paper licenses and permits. Once an individual or a facility renews their license, registration, or permit, they will need to log back in to their account and print a copy of their document. Your license will be available to print 24 hours after you renew your license. **These documents are still required to be posted in view of the public.**

To print your license, log in to the [eServices Login Portal](#) with the user ID and password you used to renew your license. Board staff cannot provide this information to you.

To recover/retrieve your user ID, click on “Forgot username.” To reset your password, click on “Forgot password.”

Once you have logged in to your account, click on “Print License card.” Display your license in the pharmacy area. This will allow you to reprint your license when needed in lieu of ordering a replacement from the Board. (See sample license and wallet card below.)



Please send any questions to contact.pharmacy@llr.sc.gov.

Immunization Protocol

On December 20, 2023, the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners updated the *Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccine Protocol* to now include the immunization of pregnant people for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

The recommendation is for a single dose for pregnant persons at 32 weeks and zero days’ gestation to 36 weeks and six days’ gestation between September and January.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s *General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization* state that maternal RSVpreF vaccine can be administered to pregnant persons with other recommended vaccines without regard to timing.

Also regarding the protocol, noncompliant immunization emergency kits continue to remain the most common violation found on pharmacy inspections.

Click [here](#) for the full protocol.

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