

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy  
and Drug Law Compliance.

## News From the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy

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- Rodrick McGill, Esq, Consumer Member
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- Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, Executive Director

**Contact the Board!** All inquiries regarding licensure and general information should be directed to Ms Karin Barron, health licensing specialist, at [karin.barron@dc.gov](mailto:karin.barron@dc.gov).

To contact the Board directly, visit its [website](#). Should you need to contact the Pharmaceutical Control Division, its website is [dchealth.dc.gov/pcd](http://dchealth.dc.gov/pcd).

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## Notice of Board Meeting Schedule

The Board holds open (public) session meetings in the even-numbered months of the year, ie, February, April, June, August, October, and December. In these months, the meetings will begin at 9:30 AM. These meetings are open

to the public, including licensed pharmacists, where parties may share their comments pertaining to Board activities. All are invited to attend.

In the odd-numbered months of the year, ie, January, March, May, July,



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September, and November, the Board may meet in subcommittees and/or hold executive (closed) session meetings as needed. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, these meetings are not open to the public.

The Board has transitioned to a hybrid schedule, meaning that quarterly Board meetings will be held in person. The public can still attend virtually via the Webex link after registration.

Future open session meeting dates are:

- Thursday, April 3, 2025 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, August 7, 2025 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, October 2, 2025 – 9:30 AM

## Board Licensees by the Numbers

Licensees as of December 11, 2024	
Pharmacists	2,330
Pharmacy Interns	339
Pharmacy Technicians	1,349
Pharmacy Technicians Trainees	170
Pharmacy With Vaccination & Immunization Authority	884
Pharmaceutical Detailers	739
Pharmacy Technician Training Programs	14

## DC License Renewal for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

The [License Renewal Portal](#) is now open, and the deadline to renew is February 28, 2025. The pharmacist renewal fee is \$310, and pharmacists are required to complete a minimum of 40 contact hours of continuing education (CE) in approved programs from March 1,

2023, through February 28, 2025. CE credits must include the following:

- At least two hours in medication/dispensing errors;
- At least two hours in cultural competency or specialized clinical training focused

on patients or clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (LGBTQ); and

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- At least 10% of the total required CE hours shall be in the subjects determined by the director as **public health priorities** of the District every five years, or less frequently, as deemed appropriate by the director, with notice of the subject matter published in the *DC Register*.

Pharmacists will be required to submit their **NABP e-Profile® number** during the renewal process and must also be registered for the **District's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**.

Pharmacists with certification to administer immunizations and vaccinations are required to maintain

current certification in CPR for health care providers and complete two hours of relevant CE. There is an additional \$50 fee required for vaccination and immunization certification.

The pharmacy technician renewal fee is \$50 and pharmacy technicians are required to complete a minimum of 20 contact hours of CE in approved programs from March 1, 2023, through February 28, 2025. CE credits must include the following:

- At least two contact hours in pharmacy law;
- At least two contact hours in medication safety;

- At least two hours in cultural competency or specialized clinical training focused on patients or clients who identify as LGBTQ; and
- At least 10% of the total required CE hours shall be in the subjects determined by the director as **public health priorities** of the District every five years, or less frequently, as deemed appropriate by the director, with notice of the subject matter published in the *DC Register*.

Please note that the CE requirements do not apply to pharmacists or pharmacy technicians renewing their licenses for the first time.



## Update to License Renewal Periods

Please note that starting this renewal period, renewed licenses will now expire on the last day of your birth month. Furthermore, the

expiration date will coincide with your birth year. If your birth year falls in an odd year, your license will expire in the next odd year. Similarly,

if your birth year falls in an even year, your license will expire in the next even year. This change applies to all renewal applicants.

## New Board Member Rodrick McGill, Esq

Rodrick L. McGill, Esq, is a public servant, attorney, and advocate focusing on community engagement. He holds a bachelor of science degree in economics from Grambling State University and a juris doctor, cum laude, from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law. He is a member of the DC Bar.

Rodrick is an assistant general counsel for the Department of Defense Human Resources Activity, specializing in employment law and government contracts.

In addition to his legal career, Rodrick serves as a volunteer mediator for the DC Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Program, focusing on landlord-tenant and truancy cases.



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