

SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, & REGULATION – BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Pharmacy Technician Renewal Reminders

- Pharmacy technician registrations must be renewed on or before June 30, 2026, to remain active. Registrations not renewed before July 1, 2026, will be considered lapsed.
- State-certified pharmacy technicians are reminded to send their new national certificate via email to contact.pharmacy@llr.sc.gov whenever this credential is renewed.
- Pharmacy technicians who provide immunizations are required to obtain at least one hour of continuing education annually regarding the administration of vaccinations.

Annual Facility Renewals Now Available

- All facility renewals should be renewed before June 1, 2026, to avoid a late fee.
- Facility permits expire annually on June 30.
- For the 2026-2027 renewal cycle, several permit types have been moved online. Most online facility renewals require submission of an attestation from a responsible party to the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation – Board of Pharmacy prior to being able to renew online. The responsible party differs based on permit type. Notices of

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this requirement were emailed in early spring to respective permit holders. Required attestation forms may be accessed online and within the facility's portal.

- Information about permit renewals is available on the [Board's web page](#). Reach out to Board staff with any questions regarding the renewal process.

Appointment of Fourth Congressional District Seat on Board of Pharmacy

Timothy Gentilcore, PharmD, has been appointed to the Fourth Congressional District seat, previously held by Michael Bedenbaugh, MS, MBA, PharmD, FNHIA. Dr Gentilcore's term starts on June 30, 2026, and expires on June 30, 2032.

Meet Our Newest Inspector

John Heaphy, RPh, joined the Board in January 2026 as the newest member of our inspection team. At this time, Mr Heaphy will inspect facilities within the following counties: Berkeley, Clarendon, Dillon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Marion, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg.

Licensure Exam Updates

Board Reduces Number of Exam Attempts

- Beginning on July 1, 2026, candidates seeking licensure in South Carolina will be allowed up to three attempts per exam, including the state-specific Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE®) and the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination®. A Board appearance is required by any candidate seeking additional attempts. Candidates appearing before the Board to request additional attempts should submit a study plan with their request for the Board's consideration.

Board Approves Early Offering of the South Carolina MPJE

- The Board approved moving forward with an early offering option for the South Carolina MPJE, enabling students to complete one requirement toward licensure prior to graduation. This opportunity is only available to students enrolled in PharmD programs located within South Carolina, upon completion of the didactic portion of the PharmD curriculum. This will be available for the Class of 2027 beginning in late summer to early fall 2026.

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Board Continues to Consider the Uniform MPJE

- The Board continues to consider the Uniform MPJE™ but has not moved toward adoption of the exam at this time. More information about


this specific exam, including the states that have adopted this version, is available through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy®.

Board Meeting Notes

- Electronic signatures and record keeping are sufficient for monthly inspections at required facilities. However, these inspections must still be completed in person and records must be readily available on site for each permitted facility.
- The Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee is recommending updates for the written immunization protocol to the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) at the BME's next meeting scheduled on May 4, 2026. Any changes approved by the BME will be published on the

Board of Pharmacy website and sent out through electronic alerts.

- Several virtual meetings of the Board of Pharmacy have been scheduled before June 2026 to continue the drafting process for compounding regulations. Agendas for the meetings will be made available on the Board's website as required. The Board intends to seek public comment before the next in-person meeting scheduled for June 2026.



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