

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy and Drug Law Compliance.

Update Your Profile

In an effort to communicate more effectively with its licensees and permittees, the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy has noticed that contact information in its system is not always current and up to date. You are required to update your

personal contact information and pharmacy employer within 10 days of a change, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-1926. Please use your online profile to **update your contact information**.

Be on Alert – Scam Letters and/or Phone Calls

Warning: Scammers are using letters, in addition to phone calls, to scam licensees. **The Board has recently experienced an increase in the number of reports from licensees who are receiving scam calls.**

In one past incident, the imposter called the pharmacist's mobile phone using a caller ID that matched the Board's phone number. The caller claimed to be a Board investigator and threatened the pharmacist, asserting that the phone was tapped and that emails were being

monitored by the Board. The caller was intimidating and manipulative and connected the pharmacist with another caller who pretended to be a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent.

The pharmacist was sent a letter that claimed to be an official notice of suspension. This letter had Board letterhead, a State of Arizona Board of Pharmacy seal, the licensee number, and appeared to have been **signed by the Board's executive director**.

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Fortunately, this licensee contacted the Board and confirmed that they were in good standing and not part of any investigation. The licensee also provided the information contained in this alert so that the Board could notify other licensees about this imposter and scam.

Techniques used by fake callers include the following:

- A caller uses a caller ID that shows “AZ State Board of Pharmacy” with the Board’s phone number, 602/771-2727.
- The caller claims that a licensee is under investigation by the Board, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), FBI, or another government agency. In some cases, the caller also

warns of discipline unless the licensee pays a “fine” over the phone.

- A caller warns a licensee not to report the call to anyone “or else [they] will jeopardize the investigation.”
- A caller requests a licensee’s mobile phone number.
- A caller gives a fake call-back number.

These calls are scams!

In many cases, callers are attempting to extort money or elicit sensitive, non-public information – bank account information, personal addresses, DEA registration numbers, etc – from licensees.

What can you do to protect yourself and your pharmacy?

Licensee security is important to the Board. Be aware of these tips:

- **If you have any doubts or questions about someone claiming, by phone or in person, to represent the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, call the Board at 602/771-2727.**
- If a scam caller claims to represent DEA or FBI, report the call to [DEA’s Extortion Scam reporting program](#) or [FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).
- If a scam caller’s phone number appears to be the Board’s telephone number, report the scam using the [Federal Communications Commission’s consumer complaint form](#).

Uniform MPJE/UMPJE Fact Sheet

Early Jurisprudence Examination Option Approved for Arizona Pharmacy Students

At its February 2026 meeting, the Board approved participation in a new testing option that allows eligible pharmacy students to take the Jurisprudence Examination earlier in their training. The initiative was developed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) and expands on an earlier pilot program that began during the 2024-2025 academic year.

This option allows eligible students to complete the Jurisprudence Examination during the final year of their doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program rather than waiting until after graduation.

Purpose of the Early Jurisprudence Examination Option

Pharmacy graduates are typically required to pass two licensure examinations after completing pharmacy school: the Jurisprudence Examination and the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination®. The early Jurisprudence Examination option allows qualified students to complete the law examination earlier in their training, which may reduce the pressure of preparing for multiple licensure examinations immediately after graduation.

Eligibility Requirements

Students who wish to take the Jurisprudence Examination prior to graduation must meet eligibility requirements established by the Board and NABP.

To qualify, a student must:

- have completed all required pharmacy school coursework, including pharmacy law courses;
- be in the final year of their PharmD program;
- be enrolled in or preparing to begin Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences, commonly known as clinical rotations; and
- be attending a college of pharmacy in an early adopter state to be eligible.

How the Process Works

Participating schools of pharmacy will approve eligible students via the interface in the external college dashboard. Following approval, students will be able to register for the Jurisprudence Examination.

For the current year graduates, schools are required to submit a roster of eligible students to NABP. After NABP confirms eligibility, student may begin registering for the Jurisprudence Examination.

NABP began accepting student eligibility rosters from participating schools in June 2026.

Eligible students began taking the Jurisprudence Examination as of July 1.

Examination Attempts and Retakes

Students who choose to take the Jurisprudence Examination early are allowed one attempt before graduation.

If the student does not pass the exam during that attempt, the student must wait until after graduation to retake the examination and comply with the standard 30-day waiting period between attempts.

Examination retakes are governed by Arizona Administrative Rule R4-23-202(C)(3). Candidates should be aware that all attempts at the Jurisprudence Examination count toward the maximum number of allowable attempts.

- **After Three Failures:** An applicant must petition the executive director of the Board for approval before being permitted to retake the examination.
- **After Four Failures:** An applicant must petition the Board directly to obtain approval before being allowed to take the examination for a final attempt.

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House Bill (HB) 2434 – Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

- Removes references to tracking “consumption” from Arizona’s Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP), refocusing the program on tracking the prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II–V controlled substances (CS)
- Replaces the current CSPMP task force with a compliance work group that will monitor compliance with mandatory CSPMP-use requirements and develop procedures for releasing prescription information
- Updates confidentiality and access rules, including who can access CSPMP data, how access is authorized, and how dispensing information is protected
- Requires prescribers to review a patient’s CSPMP report before issuing certain opioid or benzodiazepine prescriptions and before authorizing refills, replacing the current quarterly review requirement
- Requires electronic medical record vendors serving Arizona providers to integrate with the CSPMP by December 31, 2026
- Expands pharmacy and practitioner reporting requirements, including reporting when a prescription is filled and when it is sold to the patient, beginning on July 1, 2027
- Makes additional administrative updates related to record retention, registration, reporting standards, and program operations

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HB 2733 – Pharmacy Board; Renewals; Ownership Change

- Allows pharmacies and other Board-permitted businesses to continue operating during a change of ownership while the new owner's permit application is under review
- Requires the new owner to notify the Board within seven days, submit a permit application within 30 days, maintain compliance, and assume responsibility for regulatory requirements during the transition
- Allows the Board to stop continued operation if there is a risk to public health or safety, evidence of fraud or diversion, or failure to meet statutory requirements
- Lets pharmacists and pharmacy technicians complete required continuing education after submitting a renewal application, as long as the education is completed before the license expires
- Expands authorized prescription-delivery options to include a patient's residence, workplace, hospital, long-term care facility, or another location designated by the patient
- Creates a new prohibited act for distributing certain regulated products without a valid Board-issued permit
- Makes additional technical and administrative updates to pharmacy licensing and permitting laws

HB 2953 – Pharmacy Board; Civil Penalties

- Extends existing nondisciplinary civil penalty provisions to registrants in addition to licensees and permittees
- Caps nondisciplinary civil penalties at \$25,000 during any six-month period
- Allows the Board and its executive director to consider a licensee's, registrant's, or permittee's prior 48 months of activity when determining penalty amounts

- Limits aggregate disciplinary civil penalties for certain non-patient care permittees to \$25,000 during any six-month period
- Allows the Board to delegate authority to the executive director to issue nondisciplinary civil penalties

Senate Bill (SB) 1188 – Approved Medications; Scheduling; Prescription Authority

- Automatically aligns Arizona's CS schedules with federal scheduling decisions for Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications
- Eliminates the need for the Board to separately adopt scheduling changes already made by DEA
- Automatically recognizes FDA-approved drugs scheduled by DEA as CS under Arizona law, except for Schedule I substances
- Allows those medications to be prescribed in Arizona as soon as they are federally scheduled
- Reduces delays between federal approval and state recognition of newly scheduled medications

SB 1713 – Independent Testing; Treatment; Pharmacists

- Allows pharmacists, under Board-approved statewide protocols, to independently perform certain Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments-waived tests and treat conditions such as influenza, strep throat, COVID-19, and certain illnesses that threaten public health
- Requires the Board to develop statewide protocols covering patient screening, documentation, referrals, treatment standards, follow-up care, and pharmacist training
- Establishes patient safeguards, including parental consent for minors, provider notification requirements, record-keeping standards, privacy protections, and professional liability insurance requirements

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- Prohibits pharmacists from independently prescribing opioids under this authority
- Creates an Independent Testing and Treatment Advisory Committee to help develop and review statewide treatment protocols
- Authorizes pharmacists to initiate and dispense HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis and post-exposure

prophylaxis under Board-approved protocols, subject to testing, counseling, referral, and documentation requirements

- Expands pharmacists' clinical role while establishing statewide standards and oversight for testing and treatment services

Disciplinary Actions and Updates – Health Boards

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy can be found [here](#) and in the Arizona Board's [License Verification Online Application lookup tool](#).

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona Medical Board can be found [here](#).

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona Osteopathic Board can be found [here](#).

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners can be found [here](#). (Discipline posted under each license holder)

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