

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**CHAPTER 1140-05
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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1140-05-.01 REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIST LICENSE RENEWAL.

- (1) Every person licensed as a pharmacist shall complete at least thirty (30) hours of continuing pharmaceutical education during each two (2) year license cycle. The required thirty (30) hours shall consist of at least fifteen (15) hours obtained through live contract programs. In order to fulfill the fifteen (15) live contact hour requirement, a pharmacist shall obtain the hours from a program designated as "live" by the ACPE-approved provider, from a program that is approved by the Board prior to the expiration of the pharmacist's license or from an out-of-state program that is approved by the board of pharmacy in the state where the program was presented.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph one (1) of this rule, no pharmacist shall be required to complete any continuing pharmaceutical education during a two (2) year license cycle if that pharmacist presents proof that during all or part of the license cycle the pharmacist was enrolled in a recognized academic program pursuing a pharmacy degree, a doctor of medicine degree, a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree, a doctor of dental surgery degree, or an advanced or graduate degree in a health-related science; or participating in a pharmacy residency or fellowship program; or engaged in a course of study leading to certification as a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant.
- (3) The board may waive the requirements of this rule upon a showing of emergency, illness, or other good cause.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-10-204, 63-10-304, 63-10-306, 63-10-404(5) and (26), 63-10-504(b)(1), and 63-10-506(g). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed May 11, 1998; effective July 25, 1998. Amendment filed November 24, 2008; effective February 7, 2009.

1140-05-.02 REPORTING SYSTEM.

- (1) Each pharmacist shall submit to the board with the license renewal form, and on a form provided by the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, a sworn statement indicating that the pharmacist has completed the required number of continuing pharmaceutical education hours.
- (2) The board shall not renew the license of any pharmacist until the applicant has submitted the required sworn statement indicating that the pharmacist has completed the required number of continuing pharmaceutical education contact hours during the previous license cycle.
- (3) The licensee shall produce proof of the completion of the required number of continuing pharmaceutical education hours upon the request of the board or its designee.
- (4) Falsification of the continuing pharmaceutical education sworn statement may result in the probation, suspension or revocation of the pharmacist's license and/or the imposition of a

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civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) with the imposition of a requirement for additional continuing education if appropriate.

- (5) Upon request, the Board may waive selected portions of these requirements so long as any waiver granted is consistent with the Board's authority under Tenn. Code Ann. Title 63, Chapters 1 and 10, and Tenn. Code Ann. Title 4, Chapter 5.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 56-1-308, 63-10-304, 63-10-306, 63-10-504(b)(1), and 63-10-506. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Amendment filed November 17, 1994; effective March 30, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed May 11, 1998; effective July 25, 1998. Amendment filed August 19, 2002; effective November 2, 2002. Amendments filed November 22, 2016; effective February 20, 2017.

1140-05-.03 RECOGNITION OF PROGRAMS.

The board will recognize any continuing pharmaceutical education hours obtained from an ACPE-approved provider.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-10-404(5) and 63-10-504(b)(1). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Amendment filed November 17, 1994; effective March 30, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed May 11, 1998; effective July 25, 1998.

1140-05-.04 FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS.

Any pharmacist who alters, forges, or falsifies, or causes to be altered, forged, or falsified any information, documents, or records required to be kept or submitted by this Chapter shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board under T.C.A. § 63-10-305(6).

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-10-204, 63-10-304, 63-10-404(2) and (26), and 63-10-504(b)(1). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Amendment filed November 17, 1994; effective March 30, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed May 11, 1998, effective July 25, 1998. Amendments filed November 22, 2016; effective February 20, 2017.