

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
Effective January 1, 2014

<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>
PHARMACIST FEE		
Application Fee	variable	281
Texas OnLine	5	5
Office of Patient Protection	5	2
PRN Surcharge	13	13
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1st Delinquent Penalty		140.5
2nd Delinquent Penalty		140.5
PHARMACY FEE		
Application Fee	500	500
Texas OnLine	15	15
Office of Patient Protection	5	2
PRN Surcharge	15	15
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1st Delinquent Penalty		250.0
2nd Delinquent Penalty		250.0
TECHNICIAN FEE		
Application Fee	91	91
Texas OnLine	3	3
Office of Patient Protection	5	2
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Delinquent Penalty		91
TECHNICIAN TRAINEE FEE		
Application Fee	55	
Texas OnLine	2	
Office of Patient Protection	5	
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Dear Ms. Benz:

I am writing to ask that the Board not implement the proposed licensure fee increase for Texas pharmacy technicians. This rule change is on the agenda for the Board's next meeting on November 4th. An increased fee of over 30% for the lowest paid pharmacy professionals is unacceptable and I ask the Board to reconsider.

While many pharmacists are reimbursed for professional fees by their employer, this hasn't become the norm for most technicians. In addition, the likelihood of the expense becoming a contributable credit on income taxes is minimal. Then you have to consider that during the first few years of becoming a technician in Texas, the CPhT is accountable to two governing agencies that require license/registration fees. Five years into employment, technicians are still being paid under \$15/hour.

Until more technicians are compensated by employers for registration, either in wages or reimbursement of fees, the 30% increase is too high. The lowest paid pharmacy personnel should be afforded the lowest fee increase.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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