

Newly Licensed (Initial Renewal) Pharmacist Continuing Education (CE) Requirement Breakdown

Board Rule §295.8

At least **2 total hours** are required in your **initial renewal period***:

Your initial renewal period is considered the time period between your initial licensure and the renewal **after your 30-day renewal (Board rule 295.8(b)(12)). You **do not** need CE for the 30-day renewal period.*

Per Board rule 295.8(d)(4)(A), you are **exempt** from the requirements below.

2 Hours	1 Hour	27 Hours
<p>Must be related to prescribing and monitoring controlled substances (as specified in House Bill 2174) and completed in the first twelve months** of Texas licensure</p> <p><i>**Per HB 2174 (86R), pharmacists licensed on or after September 1, 2020 must complete the Controlled Substance CE not later than the first anniversary of his or her licensure.</i></p>	<p>Must be related to Texas-specific pharmacy laws and/or rules</p>	<p>Can be any subject</p>

EXEMPT

OTHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

MANDATORY TRAINING

Human Trafficking Prevention Course Requirement:

Each pharmacist must complete a human trafficking prevention course required in §116.002 of the Texas Occupations Code. As specified in House Bill 2059, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, the Executive Commissioner of the [Texas Health and Human Services Commission \(HHSC\)](#) shall approve training courses on human trafficking prevention, including at least one course that is available without charge. A list of the approved courses is posted on the [HHSC website here](#). Newly licensed pharmacists are **not** exempted from this requirement.

SUPPLEMENTAL (NON-MANDATORY) TRAINING

House Bill 3285 (86R) mandates that the board encourage pharmacists to participate in a program that provides a comprehensive approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders and persons who are at risk of developing substance use disorders, such as a program promoted by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) within the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) is funded by a grant from SAMHSA and offers a free activity for pharmacists on its website: [Opioid Use Disorder and Pain Management Assessment Tool](#).