

Newly Licensed Pharmacist Continuing Education (CE) Requirement Breakdown

Board Rule §295.8

At least **4 total hours** are required in your initial renewal period, which include the following:

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

2 Hours (1 hour annually)	2 Hours	1 Hour	1 Hour	24 Hours
<p>Must be related to pain management.</p> <p><i>Special note:</i> You must be sure to obtain at least one hour annually (as specified in House Bill 3285). For example, a single two-hour course would not meet requirements as outlined by House Bill 3285 or Board rule 295.8.</p> <p><i>Requirement must be met for all renewals received after August 31, 2021 and before September 1, 2023.</i></p>	<p>Must be related to prescribing and monitoring controlled substances (as specified in House Bill 2174)</p> <p><i>A pharmacist licensed prior to September 1, 2020 must complete the requirement by September 1, 2021. A pharmacist 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 mental health awareness</p> <p><i>Requirement must be met for all renewals received after August 31, 2021 and before September 1, 2023.</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:

For renewals received after August 31, 2020 and before September 1, 2022, a pharmacist must have completed the 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 will be posted on the commission's internet website. 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](#).