

# Initial Renewal Pharmacy Technician Continuing Education (CE) Requirement Breakdown

## Board Rule §297.8

Pharmacy technicians are exempt from MOST general CE requirements in the initial renewal period, as follows:

<p><b>1 Hour</b></p> <p>Must be related to <b>Texas-specific pharmacy laws and/or rules</b></p>	<p>Can be <b>any subject</b>;</p> <p>Can also consist of any <b>special certification</b> requirements, if applicable (for example, sterile compounding)</p>
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EXEMPT

### OTHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Pharmacy technicians are **NOT** exempt from the following training requirement in their initial renewal period:

#### **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, 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, the Executive Commissioner of the [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 registered pharmacy technicians are **not** exempted from this requirement.

*Note: Pharmacy technicians are required to obtain CE as outlined by [Board Rule 297.8](#) and are subject to random audit by TSBP. National certification through PTCB or NHA (ExCPT) no longer exempts pharmacy technicians from TSBP CE requirements or random audit by the Board. Pharmacy technicians may count CE obtained for national certification toward their TSBP CE requirement as long as the CE meets TSBP requirements and falls within the current TSBP renewal period.*