

Board of Pharmacy Update – April 2021

Welcome to a monthly news roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. More information about news reported here is on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Recent news:

- The [March 2021 issue](#) of The Script is available online. The newsletter includes articles about new pharmacy laws for 2021, new requirements for controlled substance prescription forms and for reporting to CURES, and tips on how to avoid processing delays for pharmacy technician license applications. Previous issues also are available in the [newsletter archive](#).
- The Board met March 18 to hear disciplinary petitions. Links to the meeting materials and webcast are posted on the [Board Meetings](#) page.
- The Board released updated [guidelines expanding eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines](#) in April.

Coming up:

- Effective April 1, 2021, the CURES fee will increase from \$6 to \$11 annually for two years. The increase will be applied to licenses expiring on or after July 1, 2021, and will be assessed at the time of renewal for specified licensees who prescribe, order, administer, furnish, or dispense Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V controlled substances. Most licensees will see a \$22 CURES fee due to the biennial renewal cycle.
- The [Licensing Committee](#) is set to meet April 21, and the [Enforcement Committee](#) will meet April 22. Meeting agendas and materials will be posted online.
- The [Communication and Public Education Committee](#) and the [Legislation and Regulation Committee](#) are set to meet April 29, followed by a [Board](#) meeting April 29-30. Meeting agendas and materials will be posted online.
- The CPJE will be administered April 30. Exam information is posted online under "[Pharmacist Examination and Licensure Information](#)." To schedule an exam date within your eligibility period, go to candidate.psiexams.com or call (877) 392-6422.

A final word:

- Has your pharmacy completed a [self-assessment form](#)? PICs are required to complete a self-assessment of the pharmacy's compliance with state and federal laws before July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Current forms and draft versions under review for possible adoption are available online under "[Facility License Information/Renewal](#)."
- Be sure to check [the Board's website](#) for information on Pharmacy Law waivers, COVID-19 resources, and vaccinations.

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