

# Board of Pharmacy

## Mission and philosophy

The Board of Pharmacy is that state agency charged with the responsibility of protecting the health and welfare of residents of Wyoming with regard to pharmaceutical services. By statute, the board regulates the practice of pharmacy in the state. This includes licensing of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, nonresident pharmacies, and licensing/inspection of resident pharmacies. By the same statute, the board licenses manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers who ship prescription drugs into, out of, or within the state of Wyoming, and the board inspects resident manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and oxygen manufacturers/distributors. The foregoing responsibilities are provided for in the Wyoming Pharmacy Act (W.S. 33-24-101 to 33-23-301)

The board is designated by statute as the agency responsible for the registration of the manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances within the state. This includes the registration of all practitioners with statutory authority to administer or prescribe controlled substances, pharmacies (retail and hospital), resident manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers, and nonresident manufacturers and distributors/wholesalers who ship into the state. In addition to registration, the board conducts inspections of these sites relative to their handling of controlled substances. The foregoing responsibilities are provided for in the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act (W.S. 35-7-1001 to 35-7-1101)

The board investigates consumer complaints (as well as board identified concerns) regarding possible violations of the Wyoming Pharmacy Act, Wyoming Controlled Substance Act and related rules and regulations. The board administers disciplinary action as warranted.

The board promulgates rules and regulations further defining those areas defined by statute, which the Board of Pharmacy has responsibilities for.

## Results of outcomes

The following statistics relate to licensing/investigative actions taken by the board during this reporting period.

Pharmacists licensed	1001
Pharmacists newly licensed	27
Pharmacy technicians licensed	267
Pharmacy technicians newly licensed	42
Multi-state pharmacy jurisprudence exams certified	43
Resident pharmacies licensed	128
Resident pharmacies newly licensed	4
Nonresident pharmacies licensed	225
Nonresident pharmacies newly licensed	63
Controlled substance registrations, practitioners	2143

## **General information**

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## **Other locations**

None

## **Year established**

1886

## **Statutory references**

W.S. 33-24-101 to 33-24-301  
W.S. 35-7-1001 to 35-7-1101

## **Number of authorized personnel**

Four full-time employees

## **Organization structure**

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## **Clients served**

Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technician-in-training, pharmacies (retail and institutional), controlled substance registrants, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, oxygen manufacturers and distributors, nursing homes

## **Budget information**

Licensing Board \$ 291,499

## **Agency to which group reports**

Department of Administration and Information

## **Number of members**

Board Members Three- RPh  
Ex-Officio Board Members three - MD,DDS,DVM

## **Meeting frequency**

Three meetings/year (minimum)

Manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers (prescription drugs and oxygen)	501
Controlled substance manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers	202
Retail/institutional pharmacy inspections	133
Distributor/wholesaler inspections	2
Oxygen manufacturer/distributor inspections	13
Other site inspections (clinics, state)	8
Pharmacy/pharmacist/pharmacy technician investigations completed	49
Investigations completed for other boards	7
Investigations coordinated with police/sheriff	6
Administrative sanctions	8

The board responds to drug diversions identified by practitioners in the state by participation in the "Pharmacy Alert" program offered by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The Pharmacy Alert program utilizes fax transmission to all pharmacies in the state. This type of information distribution is used for sharing information on forged prescriptions. During this reporting period, 70 pharmacy alerts were issued.

The board adopted new/amended rules in January and March 2002. The new/amended rules may be viewed on the board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>).

The board's web page was modified to allow on-line verification of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and controlled substance practitioners registered with the board.

## Strategic plan changes

The board will continue reviewing board rules and regulations and anticipates at least one rule-making notice during the next twelve months. The board will seek changes in the Wyoming Pharmacy Act and the Wyoming Controlled Substance Act at the next legislative session.