



Texas Controlled Substances Registration To Be Eliminated on 9-1-16

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The Texas Controlled Substances Registration (CSR) is issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). It is, therefore, commonly referred to as a DPS permit or CSR.

For decades, Texas has required any person prescribing, purchasing or supplying controlled substances (CSs) in the state to have a Texas CSR, in addition to the federal CSR issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). *That changes on September 1, 2016.*

In an action applauded by all health care providers, the 84th Texas Legislature triggered the demise of the Texas CSR by passing Senate Bill 195 and amending the Texas Controlled Substances Act. The law eliminates the state's CSR and transfers regulation of prescribing CSs to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) on the law's effective date, September 1, 2016.

Prescribers of CSs need to know the following facts.

- Until September 1, 2016, those prescribing CSs in Texas must have a valid Texas CSR.
- All CSRs that were current on August 20, 2015, were automatically renewed on that date with an expiration date of August 31, 2016. Registrants did not have to complete a renewal form or pay a fee and did not receive a new CSR certificate.
- Practice address and name of delegating physician must remain current by completing and submitting a [Modification of Registration form](#).
- APRNs & PAs prescribing CSs for the first time must submit an [application](#) for a CSR to DPS and pay a \$25.
- Those with a CSR that expired on or prior to July 31, 2015, must renew that expired CSR if they need to prescribe CSs. Expired CSRs can be renewed by completing the renewal application and paying the \$25 renewal fee and \$50 late fee.

Resources

- Through August 31, 2016, check the [DPS Controlled Substances Webpage](#) for updated information on the CSR and ordering official prescription forms for Schedule II drugs.
- Verify the status of a CSR through the [CSR Search & Verification System](#).
- Access a patient's of Schedule II, III, IV, or V prescription history through the [Prescription Access in Texas \(PAT\)](#) program.
- [FAQs](#) for new graduates or new CSR applicants.
- Instructions for all types of new applications and forms for registrants are available on the [Controlled Substances Registration Webpage](#).