

Who We Are



Our Purpose

To promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by and through the effective regulation of the many aspects of the drug delivery system.

Our Mission

The agency licenses, permits, and oversees pharmacists and pharmacies, as well as the distribution system where there is the sale, delivery, or distribution of prescription drugs, medical gases, durable medical equipment, and legend devices. The agency also acts as an expert in the dissemination of information regarding the laws and rules which govern the practice of pharmacy and its related fields.



How We Serve

- License 21,000+ individuals and facilities to practice in Arkansas
- Information source for the public
- Resolve complaints from the public against licensees
- Serve as a source of information for all pharmacists
- Test new pharmacists
- Provide an avenue for licensure transfer from other states
- Discipline pharmacists and other licensees
- Share information with other agencies to improve health care
- Promulgate rules to address new areas of public concern
- Inspect Pharmacies, In-State Wholesale Distributors of Controlled Substances and/or Legend Drugs, and Distributors of Home Medical Equipment, Legend Devices, and/or Medical Gases

Who We License

17,327 Individuals are licensed to practice in Arkansas.

7,167 Pharmacists

492 Pharmacy Interns

9,668 Pharmacy Technicians

4,483 Facilities both in and out of state are licensed in Arkansas.

- 740 In State Retail Pharmacies
- 668 Out of State Retail Pharmacies
- 1,921 Wholesale Distributors of Legend and Controlled Substances
- 731 Wholesale Distributors of Home Medical Equipment, Legend Devices, and Medical Gases
- 45 Wholesale Distributors of List I Chemicals
- 114 State Supported/Charity Clinics
- 29 Institutional Pharmacies
- 229 Hospitals
- 6 Specialty Pharmacies