

BOARD OF PHARMACY

DIVISION 19

LICENSING OF PHARMACISTS

Licensing

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Licensure

Before licensure as a pharmacist, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Provide evidence from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the Board that they have successfully completed all the requirements for graduation and, starting with the graduating class of 2011, including not less than 1440 hours of School-based Rotational Internships as that term is defined in OAR 855-031-0005, and that a degree will be conferred;
- (2) Pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) exam with a score of not less than 75. This score shall remain valid for only one year unless the Board grants an extension. A candidate who does not attain this score may retake the exam after a minimum of 91 days;
- (3) Pass the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) exam with a score of not less than 75. The applicant may not take the MJPE until they have graduated from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the Board. A candidate who does not attain this score may retake the exam after a minimum of 30 days. The MJPE score shall be valid for 6 months unless extended by the Board;
- (4) Submit a completed application form that may be obtained from the Board office, and pay the fee specified in Division 110 of this chapter of rules.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205

Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.151

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Licensure by Reciprocity

(1) An applicant for licensure as a pharmacist by reciprocity must meet the requirements of ORS 689.265 and the following requirements:

- (a) Be a graduate of a school or college of pharmacy approved by the Board;
- (b) Have passed the NAPLEX or equivalent examination with a score of not less than 75;
- (c) Have passed the MPJE with a score of not less than 75;
- (d) Be licensed and in good standing in the state from which the applicant bases the reciprocity application;

(e) Have either:

(A) Been engaged in the practice of pharmacy for period of at least one year including a minimum of 1440 hours of work experience as a licensed pharmacist. Evidence supporting this work experience shall be provided at time of application; or

(B) Met the internship requirements of this state within the one-year period immediately before the date of this application. Evidence from the school or college of pharmacy supporting this internship shall be provided at time of application.

(2) Licensure as a pharmacist in another state precludes licensure to practice as an intern in the State of Oregon, except for applicants for licensure by examination or by reciprocity who must acquire internship hours to become eligible for licensure, and then only until the required hours have been acquired.

(3) An applicant who has obtained their professional degree outside the United States is not eligible for licensure by reciprocity until they have met the requirements of OAR 855-019-0150.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205

Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.151, 689.265

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Foreign Pharmacy Graduates

(1) Foreign Pharmacy Graduates applying for licensure in Oregon must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Provide a copy of a valid visa permitting full time employment;

(b) Provide the original certificate issued by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination Committee; and

(c) Provide evidence that they have passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based Test (IBT) with a minimum score of 26 in Speaking, 21 in Reading, 18 in Listening and 24 in Writing, however scores will be accepted until June 30, 2010 from candidates who have already passed or are scheduled to take the TOEFL and the Test of Spoken English (TSE).

(d) Pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) exam with a score of not less than 75. A candidate who does not attain this score may retake the exam after a minimum of 91 days. This score shall only be valid for one year unless the Board grants an extension;

(e) After having completed the required number of intern hours, pass the MPJE with a score of not less than 75. A candidate who does not attain this score may retake the exam after a minimum of 30 days. The MPJE score shall only be valid for 6 months unless extended by the Board.

(2) An applicant must complete 1440 hours in pharmacy practice as an intern that must be certified to the Board by the preceptors.

(3) An applicant may not count internship hours or practice as a pharmacist completed outside the United States toward Oregon's internship requirement.

(4) An applicant may not count internship hours or practice as a pharmacist that is completed before passing the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination, and either the TOEFL with TSE, or TOEFL (IBT) exams toward Oregon's internship requirement.

(5) The Board may waive any requirement of this rule if a waiver will further public health or safety. A waiver granted under this section shall only be effective when it is issued in writing.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205

Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.151, 689.255