

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
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**RECIPROCAL LICENSURE INSTRUCTIONS** (Rev. 1/20)

**NABP Official Application for Transfer of Pharmacist License**

1. Please utilize the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's (NABP's) web site at [www.nabp.pharmacy](http://www.nabp.pharmacy) to submit your online application (Electronic Licensure Transfer Program® (ELTP®)).
2. After NABP processes the application, you must obtain a copy of the processed application from NABP and then apply for a Pennsylvania pharmacist license by reciprocity at [www.pals.pa.gov](http://www.pals.pa.gov). During the application process, you will be directed to upload your reciprocal licensure application that was processed by NABP; do NOT upload an NABP receipt. The \$45.00 application fee will be paid by credit or debit card during the online application process.

**Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination**

You must take the Pennsylvania Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) if you obtained your initial license after January 26, 1983 and you did not pass the FDLE for the license which is the basis of your license transfer. If you were licensed prior to January 26, 1983, you do not have to take the Pennsylvania MPJE. If you were licensed after January 26, 1983 but you have taken and passed the FDLE for the license which is the basis of your license transfer, you do not have to take the Pennsylvania MPJE.

If you must take the Pennsylvania MPJE, please register to take the exam at NABP's web site – [www.nabp.pharmacy](http://www.nabp.pharmacy). You must register to take the exam **before** you can be authorized to take it. Please note that the testing fee is determined by NABP. Since NABP is no longer providing printed *NAPLEX®/MPJE® Registration Bulletins*, please also access NABP's web site to review the online *NAPLEX®/MPJE® Registration Bulletin* for important information.

**Education and Intern Hours**

Please note that if you are a graduate of a foreign pharmacy school, you must have FPGEC certification to reciprocate a pharmacist license to Pennsylvania. Any applicant who graduated after June 2002 with a Pharm.D. degree from the Lebanese American University in Byblos, Lebanon is a graduate of an ACPE-accredited\* school of pharmacy and is, therefore, exempt from the FPGEC certification requirement. Applicants who graduated from baccalaureate programs accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) commencing in 1993 and continuing until June 30, 2004 are also exempt from the FPGEC certification requirement.

The Board requires completion of at least 1,500 acceptable intern hours.

- a. All 1,500 intern hours may be earned through an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy's **Pharm.D.** program.
- b. For applicants who have FPGEC certification or who earned a B.S. in Pharmacy from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy, at least 500 of the 1,500 intern hours must be earned outside of school and in a licensed pharmacy. If you are unable to demonstrate that you have met the intern hours requirements, the Board may be able to accept the full-time practice of pharmacy for one year in another U.S. state or the completion of a one-year pharmacy residency program in the U.S. in lieu of the required intern hours. In order for the Board to consider a pharmacy residency program in lieu of documented intern hours, please submit your application with a detailed description of your completed residency program. This description should include, at a minimum, the residency program's start and end dates, the average number of hours worked per week, and information on the activities in which you engaged on a daily basis (ex. pharmaceutical dispensing, compounding, patient counseling, drug therapy monitoring, drug therapy management, drug regimen review, etc.).

\*ACPE is the abbreviation for the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

**Additional Licensure Requirements**

- The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA), in conjunction with the Department of Human Services (DHS), is providing notice to all health-related licensees and funeral directors that are considered "mandatory reporters" under section 6311 of the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) (23 P.S. § 6311), as amended, that all persons applying for issuance of an initial license shall be required to complete 3 hours of DHS-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure. Please review the Board website for further information on approved CE providers. Once you have completed a course, the approved provider will electronically submit your name, date of attendance, etc., to the Board. Approved child abuse program information may be found here - [Act 31 of 2014 Mandated Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting](#).

- Section 9.1(a)(2) of the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program Act (ABC-MAP) requires that all prescribers or dispensers, as defined in Section 3 of ABC-MAP, **applying for licensure complete at least 4 hours of Board-approved education consisting of 2 hours in pain management or the identification of addiction and 2 hours in the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids.** Pharmacists fall within ABC-MAP's definition of prescribers or dispensers. Pharmacist applicants seeking licensure on or after July 1, 2017, must document, within one year from issuance of the license to practice pharmacy, that they completed this education. If you completed this education as part of your Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-accredited (ACPE-accredited) Pharm.D. or B.S. in Pharmacy degree, please arrange for your school to complete and directly submit to the Board the verification of opioid education form (posted on the Board's web site) **OR** submit photocopies of your ACPE-approved pharmacist continuing education certificates of completion.
- National Practitioner Data Bank Self-Query Report - All applicants must obtain and submit a National Practitioner Data Bank Self-Query report. The self-query must be requested at [www.npdb.hrsa.gov](http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov). Once the report is completed and available, print the report from this website and upload it at [www.pals.pa.gov](http://www.pals.pa.gov).
- Please obtain your Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Identity History Summary Check at <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>. The Board will accept the official FBI Report or a report from an official FBI approved Channeler. A list of approved channelers can be found at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks/list-of-fbi-approved-channelers-for-departmental-order-submissions>. The FBI Background Check must be dated within 180 days of the date the application is submitted to the Board.

#### **For Your Information:**

**Test results may be obtained only through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's web site.** Once the results are posted, please allow the Board time to process the exam score results. The Board will issue your license as soon as possible. When the results are processed, a final review of your application is also conducted to determine whether there is information within your application/file that may need to be updated prior to a license being issued.

If a pending application is older than one year from the date submitted and the applicant wishes to continue the application process, the Board shall require the applicant to submit a new application including the required fee. In order to complete the application process, many of the supporting documents associated with the application cannot be more than six months from the date of issuance.

The MPJE will test your knowledge of all federal and Pennsylvania state laws and regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy. Copies of the Pennsylvania Pharmacy Act and Board Regulations may be downloaded/viewed at the Pennsylvania Department of State's web site. This web site also provides information on the laws/regulations governing the prescriptive authority of various medical practitioners. Information on the prescriptive authority of a medical practitioner is located under the board that licenses a particular medical practitioner. The Department of Health's Bureau of Drugs, Devices, and Cosmetics regulates the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and Regulations and the Generic Equivalent Drug Law. Please check with your local library or school for information regarding these laws. You may also visit the Bureau of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics' web site. Information on the Pennsylvania Department of Health's hospital and long-term care regulations may be viewed at the Pennsylvania Department of Health's web site. For a copy of the Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act (Title 51 Pa.C.S. Chapter 95 – last updated by Act 147 of 2014), please contact the Legislative Reference Bureau at (717) 787-7385 and ask for a copy of Title 51 Pa.C.S. Chapter 95 (last updated by Act 147 of 2014). You may also request from the Legislative Reference Bureau copies of other laws such as Act 124 of 2016, Act 125 of 2016 and Act 31 of 2014.