

Pharmacist Licensure Examination Application Procedures

2009

All components of the pharmacist licensure examinations are administered in a computer-adaptive format throughout the calendar year. Below you will find information on licensure application procedures from the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. Please follow all directions carefully when applying to take the licensure examinations and call the Board if you have specific questions at 614-466-4143. All necessary information is available at the Board of Pharmacy's web site at www.pharmacy.ohio.gov. You can download the Examination Application under "Forms" and Pharmacist Licensure by Examination and Pharmacist Licensing Examination-Application Procedure under "Registration & Licensing" at this site. The first document provides a summary of requirements.

Background Checks: Please note that a background check is necessary. Applicants must submit fingerprints to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). You do not need the background check to take the exam, but you will need it completed to receive your exam results. Applicants must go to a National Webcheck (NWC) provider agency to start the process. To view a list of NWC providers, go to <http://www.ag.state.oh.us/business/fingerprint/data/index.asp>. See the Board website under "forms" for further details.

NAPLEX and MPJE: The Registration Bulletin for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) can be downloaded from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) website at www.nabp.net. The Registration Bulletin contains important information about applying for and taking the examinations that should be thoroughly reviewed. You can submit your NAPLEX, MPJE and "Application for Examination as a Pharmacist" applications prior to graduation. When you graduate and satisfy all other requirements (e.g., completion of intern hours), the Ohio Board of Pharmacy will inform NABP of your eligibility to take the examinations. NABP will then issue an Authorization to Test (ATT) letter by e-mail to you after which you can make an appointment to take the exams. (Note: The college will send your Certificate of Education to the Board upon graduation, which is the earliest they will accept them.) Once you have the ATT letter, you can schedule your appointment to test via Pearson VUE's website at www.vue.com or its call center at 1-888-709-2679.

PRE-NAPLEX: It is very important that you prepare for these examinations. There is a Pre-NAPLEX practice exam provided by NABP. The college will support the \$50 charge for fourth-year students to take the Pre-NAPLEX exam. Please contact June Evans in Student Affairs at evans.28@osu.edu to obtain a Pre-NAPLEX voucher number. This study tool is available on the NABP website at www.nabp.net in the "Examinations" section.