

**TITLE 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND INSURANCE
Division 2220—State Board of Pharmacy
Chapter 7—Licensing**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2220-7.030 Pharmacist Licensure by Examination. The board is amending sections (1) and (2) and adding section (5) to the rule.

PURPOSE: The rule is being amended to identify when incomplete pharmacist applications will be deemed invalid.

(1) Examination Applications.

(A) Graduates of an **Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)** accredited college/school of pharmacy may apply to the board for licensure as a Missouri pharmacist by examination. Applications shall be submitted on forms provided by the board with the examination application fee. The application must be notarized and include:

1. Satisfactory evidence that the applicant has graduated from an **ACPE** accredited school/college of pharmacy that meets the requirements of this rule;
2. Proof that the applicant has completed a state and federal criminal history background check, as required by 20 CSR 2220-7.090; and
3. Proof of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of pharmacy practice experience in activities related to the practice of pharmacy as approved by the board or connected with—
 - A. Patient-centered pharmaceutical care or pharmacist clinical services;
 - B. Evaluating or interpreting prescriptions or medication orders;
 - C. Compounding, dispensing, and labeling of drugs and devices;
 - D. The proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and appropriate record keeping for them;
 - E. Medication administration;
 - F. Medication therapy review/management; and
 - G. Consulting with patients and other health care practitioners about the safe and effective use of drugs and devices.

(B) Pharmacy practice experience earned in another state must be certified directly to the board from an **ACPE** accredited school/college of pharmacy or the state or governmental pharmacist licensing entity where the hours were earned. Alternatively, the board may, in its discretion, accept proof of graduation and the required pharmacy practice experience hours from National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). Graduates of an **ACPE** accredited school/college of pharmacy located in a U.S. state or territory shall be deemed compliant with the pharmacy practice experience hours required by this rule and are not required to submit additional proof of pharmacy practice experience, unless otherwise requested by the board or the board's authorized designee.

- (2) Test Scheduling. When an application has been completed, the board will notify the applicant and/or NABP if he/she is eligible for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and/or the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). If eligible, the applicant shall schedule testing dates for both the NAPLEX and MPJE, as required by *[the]* NABP. The applicant must comply with all registration, application, testing, and scheduling requirements established by NABP for the examinations, and payment of any fee(s) required by NABP for scheduling/taking the examination(s).
- (5) A pharmacist application shall be deemed invalid if the applicant fails to submit all information required to complete the application within six (6) months after the application is received by the board, with the exception of successful completion of the NAPLEX and/or MPJE. However, the application may remain active if the applicant has applied for licensure as a Missouri intern pharmacist to complete the required pharmacy practice experience and has completed all other application requirements, provided the application shall be deemed void if the applicant fails to complete the required pharmacy practice experience within two (2) years from the date the applicant's pharmacist application was initially received by the board.**

AUTHORITY: sections 338.020, 338.040, 338.060, and 338.070, RSMo 2016, and sections 338.035 and 338.140, RSMo Supp. [2022] 2024. Original rule filed Jan. 10, 2013, effective Aug. 30, 2013. Amended: Filed May 31, 2022, effective Nov. 30, 2022. Amended: Filed Aug 27, 2025.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five-hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy, PO Box 625, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 526-3464, or via email at pharmacy@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this rule in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*