

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2220-7.040 Foreign Graduates. The board is amending sections (1), (3) – (8), and (10).

PURPOSE: The rule is being amended to remove the preliminary application requirement for foreign pharmacy graduates subject to the rule, establish NAPLEX & MPJE testing limits, update references to the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee, and identify when pending pharmacist license applications are deemed invalid.

(1) Definitions.

[(B) Preliminary evaluation application—The Application for Preliminary Evaluation of Foreign Pharmacy School Graduate provided by the board for graduates of a foreign school/college.]

(3) Prior to applying for *[pharmacist licensure/examination]* a **Missouri pharmacist license**, graduates of a foreign school/college shall first obtain *[Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Certification]* **Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee** (FPGEC) from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (**NABP**) *[Foundation Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee]*. Potential applicants shall pay all fees and comply with all application/certification procedures required by *[the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Foundation Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee]* **NABP**.

(4) After receiving **FPGEC certification**, applicants shall file *[an application for preliminary evaluation]* a **Foreign Graduate Pharmacist License Examination Application** with the board, **or, if applicable, a Foreign Graduate Pharmacist Transfer/Reciprocity Application, as provided in section (5)**. Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by the board and accompanied by the application fee*.[The preliminary evaluation application shall]* **and must**

(D) A copy of the applicant's **valid** FPGEC certificate;

(F) Documentation as required by the board showing proof of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of pharmacy practice experience related to the practice of pharmacy **that complies with 20 CSR 2220-7.030.1(A)(3)** or proof that the applicant has maintained an active pharmacist license in another U.S. state/territory for a period of not less than one (1) year. To be eligible for licensure, the one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of pharmacy practice experience must have been earned in a U.S. state/territory after the date the applicant obtained FPGEC certification. Applicants who have not yet completed the one thousand five hundred- (1,500-) hour experience requirement shall apply for licensure as an intern pharmacist and shall complete the required one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours before the *[applicant's preliminary evaluation]* application is approved.

(5) Reciprocity/License Transfer. *[After the preliminary evaluation application has been approved by the board, graduates of a foreign school/college that are currently licensed in another*

U.S. state/territory shall be governed by, and shall apply for licensure by license transfer/reciprocity pursuant to, 20 CSR 2220-7.050.] In addition to the requirements of this rule, graduates of a foreign school/college with a valid FPGEC certification who are currently licensed as a pharmacist in another U.S. state/territory shall also be governed by and comply with 20 CSR 2220-7.050 governing license transfer/reciprocity.

- (6) Test Scheduling for Foreign Graduates Applying for Licensure by Examination. When an application has been completed, the board *[shall]* **will** notify an applicant if he/she is eligible for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and/or Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) examinations. The applicant shall schedule test dates for both the NAPLEX and MPJE with *[the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)]* **NABP**. The applicant shall satisfy all testing and scheduling requirements established by NABP and shall complete any necessary application(s) and payment of fee(s) for scheduling/taking the examination(s).
- (A) To avoid forfeiture of eligibility, the applicant must take the **required** examination(s) within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after having been determined eligible for examination by the board. If the applicant does not take the examination within three hundred sixty-five (365) days, the applicant *[shall be required to]* **must** reapply to the board for examination/licensure and again pay the examination application fee.
- (7) Testing. Applicants for licensure by examination shall successfully pass both the NAPLEX and the MPJE examinations. **Applicants for licensure by transfer/reciprocity must successfully pass the MPJE.** A minimum score of seventy-five (75) is required for each of the required examinations. Upon approval by the board and successful completion of the NAPLEX and MPJE, the board may issue a pharmacist license to the applicant. **Applicants must pass the required examination(s) under this section within two (2) years of submitting their licensure application to the board. Failure to achieve passing score(s) within two (2) years will result in the license application being rejected as incomplete. The applicant may reapply for licensure and restart the examination process, except as otherwise provided by section (8) or other provisions of Missouri law.**
- (8) Retesting. If an applicant fails to achieve a score of seventy-five (75) on both the NAPLEX and MPJE, the candidate shall retake and pass the failed examination(s) before a license can be issued. Any applicant who fails to achieve a passing score on either of the examinations shall file an application for reexamination with the board and pay the examination application fee each time. All examinations are scored independently and may be retaken independently.
- (A) The board shall review and approve any applicant that fails the NAPLEX or MPJE two (2) consecutive times prior to the applicant being declared eligible to retest. A candidate shall not be declared eligible to retest under this subsection until approved by the board. In lieu of disapproval, the board may establish a date after which the candidate shall be eligible to retest or may establish additional training or study requirements to be completed before authorization to retest is granted. **Applicants who fail the NAPLEX five (5) times shall not be declared eligible to retake the NAPLEX. Applicants who fail the MPJE five (5) times shall not be declared eligible to retake the MPJE unless otherwise approved by the board for extenuating circumstances.**

- (10) A *[preliminary evaluation application]* pharmacist license application pursuant to this rule 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 completions of the NAPLEX and/or MPJE**. However, *[a preliminary evaluation]* the application *[shall not be deemed invalid]* **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 preliminary 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 *[preliminary evaluation application]* **the applicant's pharmacist application** was initially received by the board.

AUTHORITY: sections 338.020, 338.040, 338.060, and 338.070, RSMo [2000] 2016, and sections 338.035 and 338.140, RSMo Supp. [2012] 2024. Original rule filed Jan. 10, 2013, effective Aug. 30, 2013. Amended: Filed Aug. 27, 2025.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will result in a revenue decrease of approximately three-thousand dollars (\$ 3,000) in the aggregate, as reflected in the filed fiscal note.

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.*