Overview of Ohio Licensing Process for Foreign Educated Pharmacy Graduate

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy: Foreign Education

Submit National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Application for Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification

Steps for Application

Verification of Citizenship

Applicant will need to attest to one of the following:
- United States citizen
- Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency in the United States (attach a copy of the front and back of their alien registration card)
- Other non-immigrant status (attach a copy of documentation such as an I-20 and I-94)
- I am a foreign national not living in the United States

Documentation of Education: Applicant will need to submit Educational Equivalency Documentation to NABP. In Ohio, college coursework completed outside the United States requires a course-by-course analysis from an approved international credential evaluation service. The Ohio Department of education is able to utilize credential evaluations from any of the following organizations:

- American Education Research Corporation
- World Education Services
- Educational Credential Evaluators Inc.
- Educational Perspectives
- Educational Records Evaluation Services
- Academic & Credential Records Evaluation & Verification Service (ACREVS)
- Foreign Credits, Inc.
- Globe Language Services
- Institute of Foreign Credential Services
- International Education Research Foundation
- Josef Silny and Associates
- Educational Records Evaluation Services
- Academic & Credential Records Evaluation & Verification Service (ACREVS)

*Disclaimer: Please confirm Evaluation Services are accepted by the chosen accredited program and board. More information on credited evaluation services can be found on the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) website: http://www.naces.org.

Applicant must submit license/registration verification to NABP: https://nabp.pharmacy/

Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE): You may not take the FPGEE until your education and licensure and/or registration have been reviewed and approved.

Proof of English Proficiency: Applicant will need to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) at any time in the process. Internet-based version - Score must be 83 or higher. The applicant needs to contact the Educational Testing Services (ETS) at 609-771-7100 or register online at www.ets.org. The Board must receive the test scores directly from ETS.

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Criminal Records Check: Civilian and federal background checks are required. A BCI (civilian) and FBI (federal) criminal records check is required for all applicants. Submit request to Bureau of Identification and Investigation (BCI&I).

Pharmacy Internship: Submit the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Application for Pharmacy Internship. For more information visit https://pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/Intern.aspx.
- Complete 1,500 hours of Pharmacy Internship

Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Licensure Exams:
- Submit the Application For Examination As A Pharmacist for Ohio. The application form is available on the Board's website, https://pharmacy.ohio.gov, or may be obtained at each of the Ohio colleges of pharmacy offices.
- Submit Application for NAPLEX/MPJE to NABP online at https://nabp.pharmacy.
- To pass The North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE, not transferrable) you must receive a minimum score of 75.

Ohio Pharmacist License Conferred

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