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#### 3.01: Examination for Personal Registration as a Pharmacist

In order to be registered as a pharmacist by examination by the Board, an applicant must meet the requirements set forth in 247 CMR 3.01(1) or (2).

- (1) Graduates of ACPE-accredited and Board-approved colleges/schools of pharmacy:
  - (a) An applicant shall be eligible for examination for personal registration as a pharmacist provided the applicant:
    1. is 18 years old by the scheduled date of the examination applied for;
    2. has earned a qualifying degree in pharmacy from a college/school of pharmacy accredited by the ACPE or approved by the Board;
    3. has acquired no less than 1500 hours of practical experience as a pharmacy intern under the supervision of a Board-approved pharmacist preceptor, of which at least 1000 hours must be completed in a pharmacy or pharmacy related setting, as set forth in 247 CMR 8.01; and
    4. is of good moral character.
  - (b) An applicant shall properly apply to take NAPLEX and MPJE. A completed application for examination shall:
    1. be fully and correctly completed by the applicant;
    2. include a recent passport-size photograph of the applicant showing the applicant's likeness;
    3. include a certified birth certificate or other sufficient proof of place and date of birth;
    4. in the case of a name change, include a written notification to the Board or the Board's designee of such name change; and
    5. be accompanied by a check or money order in the proper amount made payable as directed on the examination application form;
  - (c) An applicant for personal registration as a pharmacist must pass both NAPLEX and MPJE.
  - (d) To qualify for personal registration, the applicant must achieve a NAPLEX score of not less than 75% and an MPJE score of not less than 75%.
  - (e) An applicant who fails to achieve a passing score on either or both NAPLEX or MPJE may be re-examined on either or both examinations provided that the applicant submits a new application for examination to the Board or Board-approved testing service, accompanied by a check or money order made payable, in the proper amount, to the Board's designee as appears on the examination application form.
  - (f) An applicant who fails either NAPLEX or MPJE must reapply and sit for the examination which the applicant failed within one year of the administration date of the original examination in order for both examination scores to be considered together. If the applicant does not pass both NAPLEX and MPJE within this one-year period, the applicant must apply to retake both NAPLEX and MPJE.
- (2) Graduates of non-approved colleges/schools of pharmacy:
  - (a) In order for a graduate of a non-approved college/school of pharmacy to be eligible to apply for examination for personal registration as a pharmacist, the applicant shall must have received Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification from NABP.
  - (b) An applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy shall be eligible for examination for personal registration as a pharmacist provided the following requirements are met:
    1. the applicant is 18 years old by the scheduled date of the examination applied for;
    2. the applicant has received official FPGEC Certification from NABP;
    3. the applicant has submitted an official copy of the applicant's FPGEC Certificate to the Board;

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4. the Board has received official notification from the NABP of the applicant's FPGEC Certification;
  5. the applicant has acquired no less than 1500 hours of practical experience as a pharmacy intern under the supervision of a Board-approved pharmacist preceptor, of which at least 1000 hours must be completed in a pharmacy or pharmacy related setting, as set forth in 247 CMR 8.01; and
  6. is of good moral character.
- (c) An applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy shall properly apply to take NAPLEX and MPJE. A completed application for examination shall:
1. be fully and correctly completed by the applicant;
  2. include a recent passport-size photograph of the applicant showing the applicant's likeness;
  3. include a certified birth certificate or other sufficient proof of place and date of birth;
  4. in the case of a name change, include a written notification to the Board or Board's designee of such name change; and
  5. be accompanied by required fee(s).
- (d) An applicant for personal registration as a pharmacist who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy must pass NAPLEX and MPJE in accordance with the requirements set forth in 247 CMR 3.01(1)(c) through (f).
- (3) The Board may refuse to consider any application that has not been properly completed.
- (4) All fees submitted to the Board in connection with an application for personal registration as a pharmacist, reviewed and acted upon by the Board, are nonrefundable.

### 3.02: Personal Registration by Reciprocity

The Board may grant personal registration as a pharmacist to an applicant who furnishes proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has been registered by examination in another state or jurisdiction and that the applicant is in good standing in all states where the applicant holds a registration, provided that such other state or jurisdiction requires a degree of competency equal to that required of applicants in Massachusetts, and provided further that the Board recognizes the other state or jurisdiction for purposes of personal registration by reciprocity.

An applicant who seeks personal registration by reciprocity from the Board shall submit a preliminary application to NABP for license transfer. NABP, as agent of the Board, will conduct the preliminary evaluation of an applicant's qualifications for personal registration by reciprocity.

#### (1) General Requirements:

- (a) Whenever an applicant has been notified by NABP that the applicant does not meet the requirements for personal registration by reciprocity, the applicant may in writing request the Board to review the basis of NABP's decision.
- (b) The Board shall make the final determination of any applicant's eligibility to be registered as a pharmacist by reciprocity.
- (c) A reciprocity application shall be valid for one year after the date of approval by NABP.
- (d) All fees submitted to the Board in connection with an application for personal registration by reciprocity, reviewed and acted upon by the Board, are nonrefundable.

#### (2) Specific Requirements for Graduates of ACPE-accredited or Board-approved Colleges/ Schools of Pharmacy.

- (a) The requirements for the issuance by the Board of a personal registration by reciprocity to an applicant who has graduated from an ACPE-accredited or Board-approved college/ school of pharmacy shall include the following:
  1. NABP approval;
  2. documentation of internship experience as required by 247 CMR 8.01;
  3. passing score (at least 75%) on MPJE; and

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4. if requested, the applicant shall personally appear before the Board to discuss any matter related to the application.
  - (b) Upon receipt by the Board of evidence of an applicant's NABP approval and the appropriate fee, the applicant may register with NABP to take MPJE.
- (3) Specific requirements for graduates of non-approved colleges/schools of pharmacy:
- (a) The requirements for the issuance of a personal registration by reciprocity to an applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy shall include:
    1. Receipt by the Board of an official copy of the applicant's FPGEC Certificate from NABP;
    2. documentation satisfactory to the Board of practical experience as required by 247 CMR 8.01;
    3. passing score (at least 75%) on MPJE; and
    4. if requested, the applicant shall personally appear before the Board to discuss any matter related to the application.
  - (b) Upon receipt by the Board of evidence of an applicant's NABP approval and the appropriate fee(s), the applicant must register with NABP to take MPJE.

3.03: Duplicate Certificate of Registration

To request a duplicate certificate of personal registration (wallet card), a registrant shall submit a Board-approved form and required documentation. In the event that an original certificate of registration is recovered after a duplicate certificate has been issued, the duplicate shall be promptly returned to the Board.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

247 CMR 3.00: M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 24 and 42A.