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TO: Pharmacist Licensure Applicants  
FROM: The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy  
RE: Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE®)

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The Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board) advises all applicants for licensure as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by examination, score transfer, reciprocity or reinstatement, to review the reference sources listed below to prepare for the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).

This reference document with related web site links may be accessed on the Board's web site (Licensing & Registration icon) at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcg/dhpl/pharmacy/licensing/multistate-pharmacy-jurisprudence-exam-review-info.html>

## THE MULTISTATE PHARMACY JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION (MPJE)

The MPJE is a 2 ½ hour, computer-adaptive examination developed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for use by state boards of pharmacy. The MPJE is based in a nationally uniform content blueprint with questions that are tailored to assess the pharmacy jurisprudence requirements of individual states.

Utilizing the MPJE enables the boards of pharmacy to fulfill one aspect of their mission to safeguard the public health and welfare by allowing candidates to demonstrate their ability to meet the responsibilities of pharmacy practice.

The MPJE consists of 120 multiple-choice questions, 20 of which are designated as pre-test questions that do not affect the candidate's score. The examination content blueprint, which is the percentage of questions asked in each of the MPJE competency areas, is uniform for all candidates. For additional information regarding the MPJE Competency Statements (blueprint), consult the NAPLEX/MPJE Registration Bulletin available on-line at:

[http://www.nabp.net/system/rich/rich\\_files/rich\\_files/000/001/379/original/naplex-mpje-bulletin-050216.pdf](http://www.nabp.net/system/rich/rich_files/rich_files/000/001/379/original/naplex-mpje-bulletin-050216.pdf)

The MPJE is administered by Pearson VUE at its Pearson Professional Centers. After you receive your Authorization to Test (ATT) letter, visit [www.pearsonvue.com/nabp](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nabp) or call Pearson VUE Customer Service at (888) 709-2679 to schedule an appointment.

## **1. Board of Registration in Pharmacy Regulations 247 CMR Sections 2.00 – 21.00**

**You are strongly advised to obtain a copy of the Board's Regulations 247 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) Sections 2.00 - 21.00 to prepare for the MPJE. Please verify that you have the current version of the regulations.**

### **247 CMR: BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY**

- 2.00 – Definitions
- 3.00 – Personal Registration Requirements
- 4.00 – Personal Registration Renewal; Continuing Education Requirements
- 5.00 – Orally and Electronically Transmitted Prescriptions; Reporting Requirements to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)
- 6.00 – Registration, Management and Operation of a Pharmacy or Pharmacy Department
- 7.00 – Wholesale Druggists
- 8.00 – Pharmacy Interns and Technicians
- 9.00 – Code of Professional Conduct; Professional Standards for Registered Pharmacists, Pharmacies and Pharmacy Departments
- 10.00 – Disciplinary Proceedings
- 11.00 – Registration under the Controlled Substances Act (M.G.L.c.94C)
- 12.00 – Restricted Pharmacy
- 13.00 – Registration Requirements and Minimal Professional Standards for Nuclear Pharmacies
- 14.00 – Petition for Waiver
- 15.00 – Continuous Quality Improvement Program
- 16.00 – Collaborative Drug Therapy Management
- 21.00 – Registration of Outsourcing Facilities

An unofficial copy of the Board's regulations may be accessed on the Board's web site at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/200-299cmr/247cmr.html>

## **2. Board of Registration in in Pharmacy: Policies**

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy publishes the following policies in an attempt to clarify statutes and/or regulations which may appear unclear, or which may not lend themselves to varying practice settings. An unofficial copy of the Board's policies may be accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/pharmacy/pharmacy-regs/policies/>  
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/quality/boards/pharmacy/pharmacy-joint-policy-2012-01-prescrip-changes.pdf>

- 16-02 – Requirements for reporting theft or loss of controlled substances to the Board of Registration in Pharmacy
- 16-01 – Staff action on Applications pertaining to Outsourcing Facilities
- 2015-03 – Guidance for Filling Expedited Partner Therapy Prescriptions
- 2015-02 – Guidelines for Pharmacist Continuing Education Requirements: Sterile and Complex Non-Sterile Compounding
- 2015-01 – Joint Policy Pharmacist and Pharmacy Intern Administration of Vaccines and FAQs

- 2012-03 – Pharmacist License Reactivation After Expiration Beyond One Renewal Cycle
- 2012-01 – Permitted Prescription Changes and Additions After Consultation with Prescriber
- 2011-02 – License Reinstatement Following Surrender, Suspension or Revocation
- 2011-01 – Proper Storage of Refrigerated and Frozen Medications in a Pharmacy
- 2010-02 – Joint Guidelines for the Use of Automated Pharmacy Systems for the Storage and Dispensing of Schedule VI Controlled Substance Prescriptions in Pharmacies
- 2010-01 – Policy Authorizing Transfer of an Original Schedule VI Prescription Not Dispensed
- 2009-01 – Policy on the Management of Pain
- 2007-01 – Joint Policy Regarding Issuance of Multiple Prescriptions for Schedule II Controlled Substances
- 2006-01 – Joint Guidelines Regarding Pharmacist Dispensing of Emergency Contraception
- 2005-01 – Continuation of drug therapy upon discontinuance of a practitioner’s practice
- 2002-01 – Policy of Return for Redispensing of Medications from Long Term Care Facilities
- 2001-01 – Board Interpretation of USP Beyond Use Date Requirement
- 2001-02 – Massachusetts Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) Guidelines for Pilot Project Approval – Pilot or Demonstration Research Projects for Innovative Applications in the Practice of Pharmacy
- 2000-01 – Policy on Disease State Management Requirements – Pharmacist Credentialing Requirements
- 2000-02 – Policy on Canadian Colleges/Universities of Pharmacy Education – License policy on Canadian Graduates
- 2000-03 – Policy on Pharmacy Operations During the Temporary Absence of a Pharmacist
- 2000-04 – Proposed Policy and Guideline for Confidentiality and Compliance Programs
- 2000-05 – Policy on Board-Approved Continuing Education Programs
- 2000-06 – Medication Error/Adverse Drug Event Reporting Policy
  - 99-01 – Prescribing Limits for Schedules II and III Controlled Substance Prescriptions
  - 99-02 – Issuance of Prescription by Practitioner or Physician
- 98-001 – Policy on Technicians and Refill Authorizations
- 98-002 – Policy on Continuing Education Audits
- 98-003 – Policy on computerized compendia
- 98-004 – Continuing Education Policy for Non-Traditional Pharm. D. Programs
- 98-005 – Policy on Automated Dispensing Devices
- 98-006 – Policy on Canadian Council on Continuing Pharmaceutical Education (CCCEP)
- 98-007 – Policy on Hospital Volunteers
- 98-008 – Policy on Emergency Kits
- 98-009 – Policy on Probationary License Status
- 98-010 – Policy on Extended Leave
- 98-011 – Policy on Customized Patient Packaging
- 96-001 – Expiration of a CII Prescription
- 96-002 – Electronic Transfer of prescription where no pharmacist is on duty
- 96-003 – Clean room construction
- 96-004 – Perpetual Inventory
- 96-005 – Twelve Hour Limit

### **3. Department of Public Health Regulations 105 CMR Sections 720.00 - 722.00 and Miscellaneous Provisions**

Questions on the MPJE on these regulations include, but are not limited to, the Department of Public Health's Regulations pertaining to:

- (a) The Massachusetts Formulary Law; Interchange; and
- (b) Hospital Pharmacies, Interchange, Prescription Formats, Security Standards for Prescriptions and Labeling.

An unofficial copy of the Department of Public Health regulations may be accessed on the Department's web site at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/dph/regs-cmr/public-health-regulations-105-cmr-700-799.html>

**Official copies of 247 CMR and 105 CMR 720.00 - 722.00 may also be obtained for a fee by requesting the "Pharmacy Package" from:**

Secretary of the Commonwealth  
State Bookstore  
State House, Room 116  
Boston, MA 02133  
Telephone: (617) 727-2834  
Fax: (617) 973-4858  
Email: [bookstore@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:bookstore@sec.state.ma.us)

**Note:** The Executive Office of Administration and Finance regulations 801 CMR Sections 1.00 – 3.00 included in this package are **not** included in the MPJE.

### **4. Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapters 13, 112 and 94C**

Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) may be viewed at the State House Library, any public library or at a library at the schools/colleges of pharmacy in Massachusetts, or through the website. The General Laws are also viewable on the Internet at

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/Search>

(Insert chapter and section – for example, Chapter 94C, section 33(b))

#### **M.G.L. c. 13, §§ 22 – 25A**

- 22 – Board; Membership; Qualifications; Appointment; Term
- 23 – Meetings; Officers; Secretary's Bond
- 24 – Salaries and Expenses
- 25 – Agents; Expenses; Duties
- 25A – Agents Appointed Pursuant to Sec. 25; Training

#### **M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 24 – 42A**

- 24 – Registration of Pharmacists; Examination; Fees
- 24A – Records; Expiration of Registrations; Renewals; Reinstatement; CE
- 24B – Standards for Schools of Pharmacy; Certificates of Approval; Courses
- 24B<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 24B<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> – Collaborative Drug Therapy Management

24C – Pharmacy Technicians; Registration  
 24D – Complaints Relating to Pharmacy Technicians; Investigation; Discipline  
 24E – Person Acting as Pharmacy Technician without Being Registered...  
 24F – Change of Address; Written Notification  
 24G – Pharmacy Interns  
 25 – Records; Annual Reports  
 25A – Annual report; Availability  
 26 – Display of Certificate  
 27 – Complaint; Notice; Hearing  
 28 – Decision of Board of Registration in Pharmacy; Effect  
 29 – Suspension of Certificate of Registration  
 30 – Unlawful Dispensing of Controlled Substances; Penalties...  
 31 – Repealed  
 32 – Investigation of Complaints; Participation in national data reporting  
 33 – Access to Documents  
 34 – Certificate of Conviction of Pharmacist; Notification of Board  
 35 – Repealed  
 36 – Continuance of Business of Deceased or Incapacitated Registered Pharmacists  
 36A – Licensing of Sale, Distribution and Delivery of Drugs or Medicines  
 36B – Licenses; Fees; Renewals  
 36C – Use of Words: Wholesale Druggist”; Inspection and Investigation...  
 36D – Penalties  
 36E – Outsourcing Facilities; Registration  
 37 – Drug Business; Definition  
 38 – Transaction of Retail Drug Business; Registration; Permit; Display of Permit  
 39 – Registration; Permits; Fees; Rendering of Final Decision  
 39A – Restricted Pharmacies; Registration  
 39B – Nuclear Pharmacies  
 39C – Long-term Care Pharmacy and Home Fusionist Pharmacy  
 39D – Definitions Applicable to Secs. 39D to 42D; Reporting of Improper Dispensing/Recalls  
 39E – Repealed  
 39F – Compounding and Distribution of Sterile or Complex Non-sterile Drug...  
 39G – Retail Sterile Compounding Pharmacies; Licensure; Designation...  
 39H – Retail Complex Non-sterile Compounding Pharmacies; Licensure...  
 39I – Institutional Sterile Compounding Pharmacies; Licensure; Designation...  
 39J – Non-resident pharmacies; Licensure; Designation of Pharmacist In Charge...  
 40 – Suspension or Revocation of Registration and Permit; Notice; Hearing  
 41 – Repealed  
 41A – Patent and Proprietary Medicines; Non-controlled Substances; Exemption...  
 42 – Repealed  
 42A – Rules and Regulations; Suspension or Revocation of License or Permit...  
 42B – Development and Operation of Publicly Accessible and Searchable...  
 42C – Advisory Committee to the Board  
 42D – Assessment of Penalty Against Licensed Pharmacy for Violation...

**M.G.L. c. 94C, §§ 1 - 40** (Massachusetts Controlled Substances Act)

1 – Definitions  
 2 – Establishments of Schedules or Other Controlled Substances  
 2A – Temporary Placement of Substances in Schedule I  
 3 – Findings Required for Placement in Schedules

- 4 – Exceptions from Schedules
- 5 – Dispensing Controlled Substances Excepted under Sec. 4
- 6 – Rules and Regulations
- 6A – Licensure of Certain Corporate Entities with Patients Receiving Opioid Agonist...
- 7 – Registration of Persons who Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense or Possess...
- 7A – Registration as Participant in Prescription Monitoring Program
- 8 – Research Project and Studies
- 9 – Administration and Dispensation of Controlled Substances; Records; Inspection
- 10 – Separate Registration
- 11 – Inspection of Establishments or Registrants or Applicants
- 12 – Issuance of Registration to Manufacturer or Distribute Controlled Substances
- 13 – Revocation or Suspension of Registration; Grounds; Embargo
- 14 – Suspension or Refusal to Renew Registration Pending Proceedings...
- 15 – Record-keeping and Inventory Requirements; Filing of DEA form 106; loss of controlled substances
- 16 – Distribution between Registrants; Order Form
- 17 – Necessity of Prescription for Dispensing of Controlled Substances
- 18 – Issuance of Prescription by Practitioner or Physician
- 19 – Prescriptions; Restrictions on Issuance
- 19A – Emergency Contraception
- 19B – Opioid Antagonist
- 19C – High Opiate Overdose Area Pharmacies Required to Maintain Continuous...
- 20 – Oral Prescriptions
- 20A – Radiopharmaceutical drugs
- 21 – Packaging and Labeling by Pharmacist Filling Prescription; Educational Pamphlet
- 21A – Prescriptions, Prospective Drug Review and Counseling by the Pharmacist
- 21B – Advertising and Sale of Prescription Lock Boxes by Pharmacies
- 22 – Contents of Prescription Written by Practitioner
- 23 – Written Prescriptions; Requirements and Restrictions
- 24 – Dispensing Narcotic Substances to Research Subject or Patient; Harmful...
- 24A – Electronic Monitoring of the Prescribing and Dispensing of Controlled...
- 25 – Restrictions
- 26 – Distribution in Course of Business in Violation of Sec. 16
- 27 – Sale of Hypodermic Syringes or Hypodermic Needles
- 27A – Collection and Disposal of Spent Non-commercially Generated Hypodermic...
- 28 – Jurisdiction of Superior Court
- 29 – Education Programs for Prevention of Abuse of Controlled Substances
- 30 – Administrative Inspections of Controlled Premises
- 31 – Classes of Controlled Substances, Establishments of Criminal Penalties...
- 32 – Class A Controlled Substances; Unlawful Manufacture, Distribution, Dispensing...
- 32A – Class B Controlled Substances...
- 32B – Class C Controlled Substances...
- 32C – Class D Controlled Substances...
- 32D – Class E Controlled Substances...
- 32E – Trafficking in Marihuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Morphine, Opium, etc.
- 32F – Unlawful Manufacture, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession...
- 32G – Counterfeit Substances; Unlawful Creation, Distribution, Dispensing...
- 32H – Prosecutions
- 32I – Drug Paraphernalia
- 32J – Controlled Substances Violations...
- 32K – Inducing or Abetting Minor to Distribute or Sell Controlled Substances

- 32L – Possession of One Ounce or Less of Marihuana...
- 32M– Possession of One Ounce or Less of Marihuana; drug awareness program
- 32N – Possession of One Ounce or Less of Marihuana...
- 33 – Unlawful Use of Registration Numbers in Manufacture or Distribution...
- 34 – Unlawful Possession of Particular Controlled Substances Including Heroin...
- 34A – Immunity from Prosecution under Secs. 34 or 35 for Persons Seeking Medical...
- 35 – Unlawful Presence at a Place where Heroin is Kept or Being in Company of...
- 36 – Protective Custody of Children Found Present where Controlled Substances are...
- 37 – Theft of Controlled Substances from Persons Authorized to Dispense or Possess
- 38 – Violation of Secs. 24(a), 25, 26 or 27
- 39 – Violation of Secs. 21 or 22
- 40 – Conspiracy

Candidates should also review applicable federal laws and regulations: Title 21 of Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1300 - 1308. Contact the U.S. Government Publishing Office (Tel. (202) 512-1800) for copies or you may access this information on the U.S. DEA web site at: <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>.

### **OTHER STUDY MATERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) - see below referenced web site.

Pharmacist's Manual:

[http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/pharm2/pharm\\_manual.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/pharm2/pharm_manual.pdf)

Poison Prevention Packaging Act 16 CFR 1700 (refer to summary below) - may be accessed at:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title16-vol2/pdf/CFR-2012-title16-vol2-part1700.pdf>

Prescription Drug Marketing Act - may be accessed at:

<http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Legislation/SignificantAmendmentstotheFDCAact/PrescriptionDrugMarketingActof1987/ucm201702.htm>

### **FDA statutes governing Recalls, Misbranding, Adulterated Drugs**

FDA statutes governing Recalls:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=82ebc98617b5fa36d9ea373775750b48&mc=true&node=pt21.1.7&rgn=div5#sp21.1.7.c>

FDA statutes governing Misbranding:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title21/html/USCODE-2010-title21-chap9-subchapV-partA-sec352.htm>

FDA statutes governing Adulterated Drugs:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title21/html/USCODE-2010-title21-chap9-subchapV-partA-sec351.htm>

The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) - may be accessed at:

<http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Legislation/FederalFoodDrugandCosmeticActFDCA/default.htm>

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine Regulations 243 CMR Section 2.07 (19)(20)(21)(25) - may be accessed at:

[www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/borim/reg-243-cmr-2.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/borim/reg-243-cmr-2.pdf)

Massachusetts Board of Registration “Prescribing Practices: Policies & Guidelines” - may be accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/borim/policies-guidelines/policy-15-05.pdf>

FDA regulations governing labeling directions - may be accessed at:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=82ebc98617b5fa36d9ea373775750b48&mc=true&node=pt21.4.201&rgn=div5>

FDA regulations governing Patient Package Inserts - may be accessed at:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=82ebc98617b5fa36d9ea373775750b48&mc=true&node=pt21.5.310&rgn=div5>

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