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Board of Registration in Pharmacy

Policy 2020-01: Pharmacist License Reactivation after Expiration beyond One Renewal Cycle

I. Purpose

This policy sets forth the requirements for the reactivation of a pharmacist license issued by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (“Board”) if expired for more than two years, in accordance with Board Regulations 247 CMR 4.02 *et seq.* This policy does **not** apply to licenses that have been suspended or revoked by action of or agreement with the Board.

II. Petition for License Reactivation

An individual whose Massachusetts pharmacist license has been expired for more than two years is required to submit a written petition to the Board to request reactivation of the license and must include the following:

- a. documentation of completion of the required continuing education (“CE”) hours in accordance with the Board’s policy on continuing education for the two calendar years prior to the petition;
- b. résumé that identifies the petitioner's employment and other activities including:
 - i. all employers by name and address;
 - ii. date(s) of employment;
 - iii. position(s) held;
 - iv. all immediate supervisors (name and position);
 - v. employment duties and responsibilities;
 - vi. reason(s) for leaving each employment;
 - vii. if applicable, explain any gaps in employment history; and
 - viii. if applicable, identify and describe any professional activities engaged in, educational programs completed, and academic degrees earned.

- c. verification from each state of pharmacist licensure (current, expired, and inactive) verifying license status and identifying any disciplinary action regarding the license since the date of issuance of each license; and
- d. payment of all past due license fees and the reactivation fee.

III. Additional Considerations

The NABP® Clearinghouse report will be reviewed for discipline in other jurisdictions and will be a consideration for license reactivation.

If an individual has **NOT** been engaged in the practice of pharmacy in any jurisdiction since the date of license expiration, the Board may require a personal appearance to review the petition and determine appropriate conditions to resume the practice of pharmacy. Depending upon the petition, the Board may determine that re-training and / or re-examination may be necessary, including but not limited to an internship / experiential period and the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (“NAPLEX®”).

IV. Next Steps

Following Board approval of a license reactivation petition, the individual must pass the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (“MPJE®”). MPJE® registration and study guide information are available on the Board’s website:

<https://www.mass.gov/topics/pharmaceutical-licensing>

The Board will reactivate the license after successful completion of MPJE® and payment of all required fees.

Please direct any questions to: Pharmacy.Admin@mass.gov