

6800.1250 APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE.

Subpart 1. **Graduates of colleges or schools of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).** An applicant for licensure by examination who is a graduate of a college or school of pharmacy accredited by ACPE shall submit a completed eligibility application, affidavits of internship, a copy of the applicant's official and certified birth record, and a recent photograph. An applicant shall provide the board with an official certified final transcript from an ACPE accredited college or school of pharmacy showing the date on which the applicant graduated with a bachelor of science degree or doctor of pharmacy degree, as the first professional undergraduate degree in pharmacy. The documents in this subpart, together with a check for the application fee under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151, and made payable to the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, must be received by the board prior to approval being granted to sit for the examinations. Applicants must register with and pay the required fees to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy for the North American Pharmacy Licensing Exam and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam, both of which must be passed before licensure as a pharmacist is granted.

Subp. 1a. **Graduates of colleges or schools of pharmacy accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP).**

A. Applicants who graduated between 1993 and June 30, 2004, from a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy program with a curriculum taught in English must:

(1) submit a letter to the Board of Pharmacy which outlines work experience as an intern or pharmacist in Canada. The board shall determine if the reported experience is comparable to the experience gained by individuals completing the internship requirement specified in part 6800.5400. If the board finds that the reported experience is not comparable, the board shall require the applicant to obtain additional experience as an intern or pharmacist prior to permitting the applicant to sit for the required licensure examinations;

(2) submit to the board a completed eligibility application, a copy of the applicant's official certified birth record, a recent photograph, an official certified final transcript from a CCAPP-accredited college or school of pharmacy showing the date on which the applicant graduated with a first professional pharmacy degree, and a check for the application fee under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151; and

(3) register with and pay the required fees to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy for the North American Pharmacy Licensing Exam and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam, both of which must be passed before licensure as a pharmacist is granted.

B. Applicants who graduated before 1993 or after June 30, 2004, from a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy program with a curriculum taught in English or who graduated from a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy program with a curriculum that is not taught in English or licensed Canadian pharmacists who graduated from a college of pharmacy located outside of the United States or Canada must:

(1) pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination and become certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Commission (FPGEC), including demonstrating proficiency in the English language by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English, or the TOEFL Internet-based Test;

(2) obtain 1,600 hours of internship after becoming certified by the FPGEC. Applicants obtaining their internship in Minnesota must register as interns according to part 6800.5300 and complete the internship manual as specified in that part. Applicants obtaining their internship outside of Minnesota must have the licensing agency of the state in which the internship was completed certify to the board completion of the internship hours;

(3) submit to the board a completed eligibility application form, a copy of the applicant's official certified birth record, a recent photograph, and a check for the application fee under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151; and

(4) register with and pay the required fees to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy for the North American Pharmacy Licensing Exam and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam, both of which must be passed before licensure as a pharmacist is granted.

Subp. 1b. Foreign pharmacy graduates.

A. Except as provided in subpart 2, graduates of foreign schools, colleges, or programs of pharmacy must:

(1) pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination and become certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Commission (FPGEC), including demonstrating proficiency in the English language by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English, or the TOEFL Internet-based Test;

(2) obtain 1,600 hours of internship after becoming certified by the FPGEC. Applicants obtaining their internship in Minnesota must register as interns according to part 6800.5300 and complete the internship manual as specified in that part. Applicants obtaining their internship outside of Minnesota must have the licensing agency of the state in which the internship was completed certify to the board completion of the internship hours;

(3) submit to the board a completed eligibility application form, a copy of the applicant's official certified birth record, a recent photograph, and a check for the application fee under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151; and

(4) register with and pay the required fees to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy for the North American Pharmacy Licensing Exam and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam, both of which must be passed before licensure as a pharmacist is granted.

B. Graduates of four-year foreign pharmacy schools, colleges, or programs are not eligible for licensure as pharmacists.

Subp. 1c. **Social Security number required.** No license will be issued to an applicant for licensure by any method described in this part who does not supply the board with a valid United States Social Security number as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.72, subdivision 4.

Subp. 1d. **Authorization to practice.** An applicant who obtains a passing score on the required examinations is authorized to practice pharmacy only after paying an original licensure fee under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151, to the board.

Subp. 2. **Retaking exam.** Any applicant who has failed to pass an examination required by Minnesota Statutes, section 151.06, 151.07, 151.10, or 151.12, may retake the examination within the next ensuing 18 months, provided that no applicant who has failed in three examinations shall be permitted to take a further examination, except upon petition setting forth facts acceptable to the board. The board reserves the right to request resubmission of a full and complete application, including the application fee under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151.

Subp. 2a. **Deadline for completion of licensing process.** The board shall consider an application for licensure or a NAPLEX or MPJE registration to be invalid 18 months after the date that the board receives an application for licensure.

Subp. 3. **Fees not refunded.** Fees paid to the board according to this part will not be returned or refunded.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 16A.128; 151.06; 151.07; 151.12; 151.13; 151.19; 152.02; 214.06*

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