

## **CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION**

### **Rule 4729-5-31 [Update Effective 01/01/2009]**

- (A) Pursuant to sections 4729.07 and 4729.13 of the Revised Code regarding pharmacist licensure by examination:
- (1) The examination shall consist of the "North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)" and a jurisprudence examination compiled by the state board of pharmacy or the "National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)."
  - (2) The minimum passing score is seventy-five on each exam.
    - (a) Any candidate who fails to receive a score of seventy-five on the NAPLEX examination shall make application and remit the fee established by the state board of pharmacy for re-examination.
    - (b) Any candidate who fails to receive a score of seventy-five on the jurisprudence examination shall make application and remit the fee established by the state board of pharmacy for re-examination.
- (B) A candidate may use the NABP process to transfer his/her NAPLEX score to Ohio only after the candidate has met all of the requirements set by the board for examination and licensure in Ohio.
- (C) Pursuant to section 4729.08 of the Revised Code regarding graduates of unapproved schools or colleges of pharmacy located outside the United States and who are using an approved examination to establish equivalency of their education shall:
- (1) Obtain a score no lower than seventy-five on the "Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE)"; and
  - (2) Show oral proficiency in English by successful completion of the "Test of Spoken English (TSE)" or its equivalent, "Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet-based test" (TOEFL iBT), pursuant to rule 4729-5-34 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) Any examination candidate who fails to take both of the required examinations within twelve months from the date the board receives the application materials shall submit a new application for the required examination or examinations and remit the fee established by the state board of pharmacy.
- (E) The record of the passing score for an examination candidate who takes both of the required examinations, but successfully only completes one examination will:
- (1) Be maintained up to three years if no more than twelve months has elapsed between attempts to successfully complete the remaining examination.
  - (2) Not be maintained if more than twelve months has elapsed between attempts to successfully complete the remaining examination. It will then be necessary for the examination candidate to repeat both examinations for Ohio licensure.
- (F) Any candidate who has requested to transfer their NAPLEX score to Ohio must take the Ohio jurisprudence examination within twelve months from the date the candidate completed the NAPLEX examination or the score transfer will be denied.

- (G) Pursuant to section 4729.071 of the Revised Code and rule 4729-5-12 of the Administrative Code a candidate must submit electronic fingerprint impressions for a criminal records check prior to receiving an initial license to practice as a pharmacist. An examination candidate must submit fingerprint impressions no later than twelve months after the date the board receives the application materials or the scores obtained on NAPLEX and/or MPJE will be denied. After twelve months a candidate must submit a new application, the required fee, fingerprint impressions, and new examination scores.

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