Please be advised that this guidance is intended for prospective graduates in Spring 2027 from an Ohio school of pharmacy.

For other pharmacist licensing examination requirements and guidance, please refer to this guidance: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/examination.

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Dear Prospective 2027 Graduates:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from pharmacy school. This document will provide the licensure requirements and detailed instructions on how to apply for a pharmacist license in the State of Ohio.

Graduates from Ohio schools of pharmacy in the Spring of 2027 will be the first class to benefit from the new early jurisprudence examination program offered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. **It is important to note that the early examination program is optional. Graduates can still complete both exams post-graduation to comply with the Ohio licensure requirements.** Due to the variability of pathways, this guidance should serve more as a checklist as opposed to a step-by-step guide.

Click here to go directly to the Frequently Asked Questions.

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Licensure Requirements for Pharmacist Licensure by Examination (beginning Oct. 1, 2026)

Select the underlined text for each requirement to jump to additional information and instructions.

- ✓ **Ohio Board of Pharmacy Application** – submit 30 days in advance of graduation.
- ✓ **BCI and FBI Criminal Records Checks –** submit fingerprint impressions 30 days in advance of graduation.
- ✓ **Certificate of Pharmacy Education (COPE) –** sent by your school of pharmacy directly to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy around degree conferral date.
- ✓ **Ohio Pharmacy Law Course –** complete the on-demand course any time prior to or after graduation. Must be completed before license can be issued even if you have passed both examinations.
- ✓ **Successful completion of NAPLEX and UMPJE examinations:**
    - **North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) -** submit eligibility application directly to NABP prior to graduation. Must be submitted before Board can approve you to sit for the exam.
    - **Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (UMPJE) –** submit eligibility application directly to NABP based on your preferred timing. Early Examination Program eligibility can be granted by NABP as early as August 2026.
    - **General Examination Process Steps –** review the guidance within this document and the NAPLEX/MPJE Bulletin for comprehensive information regarding the examination process.

Specific Requirement Information and Instructions

Ohio Board of Pharmacy Application

A pharmacist by examination application can be submitted up to thirty (30) days prior to your graduation date. The application must be submitted via the eLicense Ohio system, as paper applications are no longer accepted. The application fee of $110.00 (plus a $3.50 system transaction fee) is required before your application will be reviewed. Acceptable methods of payments are Visa, Discover, and MasterCard.

Students who have a pharmacy intern license have already used eLicense Ohio to apply for and/or renew their intern license. If you do not have an eLicense Ohio account, you will need to create one. Step-by-step instructions for account registration can be found here. For assistance with account registration and password resets, please contact the eLicense Ohio Customer Support Center at 855-405-5514, Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

BCI and FBI Criminal Records Checks

Submit fingerprints for Ohio BCI and FBI background checks at a WebCheck provider by following the instructions on the Criminal Records Check Information guidance document. Please be advised that the Board must receive your background check results **before** we can approve you to test for the NAPLEX. Note that the results of any previous background checks completed as part of your academic program or employment are not applicable.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: It is strongly recommended that fingerprints be submitted prior to submission of an application to the Board.

Certificate of Pharmacy Education (COPE)

Shortly after graduation, a representative for your school or college will submit a Certificate of Pharmacy Education form to the Board for each of the PharmD graduates, confirming that you have earned the required academic experiential hours for A.C.P.E. accredited schools of 1,740 academic hours (300 IPPE; 1,440 APPE).

North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)

Register for the NAPLEX with NABP. It is highly recommended that an application for eligibility to NABP be made at the same time as you apply to the Board. This helps to ensure you will be approved to sit for the exam as soon as possible following graduation.

Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (UMPJE)

NABP has developed a new jurisprudence exam – the Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam, or UMPJE. The Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the UMPJE as an exam that meets the licensure requirements for a pharmacist by examination (OAC 4729:1-2-01). The UMPJE will be the only acceptable jurisprudence exam for 2027 graduates.

In addition to the new exam, 2027 graduates from Ohio pharmacy schools will have the option to take the UMPJE prior to graduation. If you would like to take the examination early, complete the examination process steps detailed below.

IMPORTANT: To participate in the early jurisprudence examination program and have the option to schedule the UMPJE prior to graduation, you must submit the UMPJE eligibility application to NABP prior to December 1, 2026. Once approved, you will have 1 year from the date of approval to purchase and sit for your exam. All exam eligibility application submitted on or later than December 1st will not be reviewed and approved by NABP until after graduation.

General Examination Process Steps

1. **Submit Exam Eligibility Application.** To register for the exam, an NABP e-Profile account is required. Account creation instructions can be found on the NAPLEX/MPJE Bulletin. IMPORTANT: You must register your name as it appears on your primary ID. Failure to register with an acceptable name will prohibit you from entrance at the testing facility. See Section 9 of the Bulletin for more guidance.

   Once logged in, choose the jurisdiction(s) for which you are seeking eligibility, and **submit a $100 non-refundable fee for each exam and jurisdiction selected**. You may log in and check the status of your application at any time. (NOTE: For the NAPLEX, you must select one primary jurisdiction.)

2. **Ohio Board of Pharmacy or NABP approves eligibility application.**
   - NAPLEX - Post-graduation and once all the above information is received and reviewed by the Board (background check results, license application, exam registration with NABP, and Certificate of Pharmacy Education form), the Board will grant you approval to take the exam. Please be advised that some applications require more time to review than others.
   - UMPJE – NABP will approve eligibility after receiving the required verification from your school/college of pharmacy.

3. **Purchase the exam(s) with NABP.** Once eligibility has been granted by the Board or NABP, you may purchase the exam(s). You must log in to your NABP e-Profile to pay the applicable fees. Once you purchase the exam, you will receive your Authorization to Test (ATT), which will allow you to schedule your exam.

4. **Schedule your exam(s) with Pearson.** Once the exam(s) have been purchased, Pearson will send you an email with your Authorization to Test (ATT). The ATT letter includes eligibility dates during which you may take the examination, instructions for scheduling your testing appointment, and other important information.

   - Your ATT is valid for one testing session only.
   - Candidates should make sure all the information in their ATT letter is correct.
   - Check to make sure your name on the ATT letter exactly matches the two forms of identification you will bring to check in to the testing center.
   - See "Name Matching Requirements" on NAPLEX/MPJE Bulletin for more details.

   If you do not receive or have misplaced your ATT letter, contact Pearson Customer Service Monday through Friday at 888-709-2679 from 8 am to 8 pm (ET). Be sure to check your spam or junk email folder before you call. ATT letters or numbers will not be issued via phone or fax.

5. **Take your exam(s).** NABP will report your exam scores to the Board within fourteen (14) business days. Score results are checked every business day by Board staff. Applicants who have met all Board requirements and passed all required examinations will be issued a pharmacist license at that time.

Ohio Pharmacy Law Course

The Board has developed a brief online review of pharmacy laws and rules specific to Ohio. This course module is available on-demand and free of cost. The course module is approximately 60 minutes in length and includes 16 law and rule review videos with 6 quiz questions throughout. It must be completed by each applicant individually. A maximum of three (3) attempts will be allowed once an applicant has graduated. There is no waiting period between attempts. **You will receive specific instructions on how to access and complete the course via email from the Board's Licensing Department. Additional guidance is available here.**

The law course module can be completed at any time during your last year of pharmacy school (before graduation) or after graduation. You are not required to take and pass the UMPJE before taking the course module. Law course completion prior to graduation will transfer from your pharmacy intern license to your examination application once submitted.

It is important to note that the information covered in the videos is not intended to be study material for the UMPJE.

General Information and Resources

Transferring Intern Hours to Another State for Pharmacist Licensure:

If you wish to apply for a license in another state and need to transfer academic and practical experience hours to that state, you must request a license verification. The Board will report that you have a minimum of 1,740 hours to any other state when requested. Any practical experience hours you earned and reported to the Board will also be included. NOTE: If you are not going to apply for licensure as a pharmacist in Ohio, you do not need to take the Ohio exam to transfer hours.

To request a license verification, log in to eLicense Ohio and select **"Send License Verification"** from the options menu on your Intern license tile. The license verification fee is $35.00 per verification. *NOTE: Only one verification will be generated per request. So, if multiple verifications are needed, you will need to submit and pay multiple times.* A detailed guidance document on requesting license verification can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/eLicenseVerify.

Applying for Ohio Licensure by Reciprocity:

Graduates who obtain licensure as a pharmacist in a state other than Ohio should follow the **Ohio Pharmacist Licensure by Reciprocity** guidance. Effective March 5, 2024, any reciprocal applicant who has not successfully passed any state or jurisdiction's MPJE or an approved state law examination will be required to take the UMPJE in lieu of completing the reciprocity course/hearing. Approved state law examinations are Arkansas, California, and Puerto Rico.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1) Am I required to take the UMPJE prior to graduation?

No. You can choose to complete the UMPJE prior to or after graduation. If completing prior to graduation, you must submit your exam eligibility application to NABP prior to December 1, 2026.

Q2) Do I have to submit an application to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy and background check results prior to applying for and taking the UMPJE before graduation?

No. If you wish to take the UMPJE before graduation you only need to inform your school and apply to NABP for the UMPJE exam. Your Ohio pharmacist licensure application can be submitted up to thirty (30) days prior to graduation.

Q3) I took the UMPJE early and failed. Can I take it again before I graduate?

No. NABP only permits one (1) attempt at the UMPJE prior to an applicant's graduation date. You may re-apply for the UMPJE with NABP and NABP will approve you for a second attempt after you graduate. NOTE: A re-examination application and fee are not required to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy for additional UMPJE attempts.

Q4) What states, other than Ohio, accept or require the UMPJE?

Please refer to NABP's website here - https://nabp.pharmacy/programs/examinations/mpje/uniform-mpje/participating-states/.

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy strongly encourages all applicants to research and verify other state's pharmacist licensure requirements for examination or reciprocity if applicable.

Q5) Am I allowed to transfer my passing UMPJE score to another state that accepts/requires the UMPJE?

Yes. You will have an 89-day window to purchase a UMPJE score transfer through NABP. Your 89-day window is based on when you pass the UMPJE and NAPLEX: once you pass both exams, the latter examination date initiates the 89-day window. However, applicants will be limited to purchasing their UMPJE score transfers to:

- Their primary NAPLEX jurisdiction, even if that is different from their UMPJE primary jurisdiction; and
- Other jurisdictions to which they have already transferred their NAPLEX result.

Application and Examination Fees		
Ohio Board of Pharmacy		
Initial License by Examination	$110.00	
Initial License by Reciprocity	$337.50	
eLicense System Transaction Fee* **Charged per application*	$3.50	
Ohio Pharmacy Law Course	*Free*	
Re-examination Fee	$110.00 per request	
License Verification	$35.00	
National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)		
	Application	Examination
NAPLEX	$100.00	$520.00
UMPJE	$100.00	$350.00
NAPLEX and UMPJE Score Transfer* **May be made at time of examination or up to 89 days after exam date.*	*Refer to Section 12 of NAPLEX/MPJE Bulletin*	

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