

FOREIGN EDUCATED PHARMACIST - Updated 9/3/2015

A "foreign pharmacy graduate" is a pharmacist whose undergraduate pharmacy degree was conferred by a recognized school of pharmacy outside the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the Lebanese American University School of Pharmacy in Byblos, Lebanon. US citizens who have completed their pharmacy education outside the US are considered to be "foreign educated pharmacy graduates" while foreign nationals who have graduated from schools in the U.S. are not.

Foreign educated graduates must have a FPGEC Certification before applying for a license in Kansas. This includes graduates from Canadian pharmacy schools. The FPGEC reviews your education and your licensure and/or registration. If you graduated prior to January 1, 2003, you must have completed at least a four-year pharmacy curriculum at the time of graduation to be considered for the FPGEC. However, if you graduated on or after January 1, 2003, you must have completed at least a five-year pharmacy curriculum at the time of graduation. Coursework and internships completed after graduation will not be considered in determining the minimum required curriculum. Post-baccalaureate degrees will not be considered.

In order to provide the Kansas Board with an FPGEC Certification the foreign educated graduate must take and pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE). The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy ("NABP") assists graduates with the process. Certification ensures that a foreign educated pharmacist's education meets acceptable requirements as compared to that of U.S.-educated pharmacists. The minimum passing scaled score is at least 75. Information regarding the FPGEE can be found on the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy web site at www.nabp.net under the link for "Pharmacists." The examination is administered by Pearson VUE twice each year. Further information can be found on the FPGEC Application Bulletin on the NABP webpage.

The foreign applicant must also provide proof that the applicant has a reasonable ability to communicate with the general public in English. The applicant must pass the test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) with a score of at least 570 and the test of spoken English (TSE) with a score of at least 50; or pass the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) with the following minimum scores

- 24 in writing
- 26 in speaking
- 21 in listening
- 22 in reading

Once the applicant has provided the Board with a copy of the FPGEC they must fill out an Intern application and obtain at least 1500 Intern hours. The Intern registration

requires a check or money order in the amount of \$48.00 made payable to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy for a criminal background check. You may request an intern application by contacting the Kansas Board of Pharmacy for an application and one will be mailed to you. You can email the board at pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov or call the Board office at (785) 296-4056. You do not have to be a citizen of the United States to receive an intern registration. You must return the notarized application in order to be registered as an Intern. Once you receive your intern hours you are eligible to be a license candidate. You will have to arrange your own 1,500-hour internship in a hospital or retail pharmacy under the supervision of a pharmacist licensed in Kansas.

License candidates must fill out an application for licensure by examination. The application is on the Kansas Board of Pharmacy web site at www.pharmacy.ks.gov under the link for "Licensing & Registration".

The application requires a \$40.00 check or money order made payable to the Board of Pharmacy. The application must be notarized. **You do not have to fill out the second page. The Board of Pharmacy does not require you to have your foreign school provide any information on the second page.**

Kansas requires a passing grade on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). To register for the Kansas MPJE or the NAPLEX go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.net to the link titled "Pharmacists". Sign up to take the NAPLEX and the MPJE for Kansas on the NABP webpage.

Kansas study materials can be found on the Kansas web site at www.kansas.gov/pharmacy under the link titled "Statutes and Regulations". You may prefer to purchase a Kansas Pharmacy law book and CD through the Kansas Pharmacists' Association at info@ksrx.org or phone them at (785) 228-2327. Study materials, other than the law book, may be purchased from Barb Woods at the University of Kansas School Of Pharmacy. She can be contacted at bwoods@ku.edu.

Once you have applied for the Kansas Edition of the MPJE and the NAPLEX you will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) number from NABP. The ATT number is used to schedule your MPJE and NAPLEX with Pearson Vue. Pearson Vue locations and scheduling can be found on the NABP web site.

Results of the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations for candidates seeking licensure will be posted on the NABP Website. You can access your test results on the NABP webpage at www.nabp.net under the link for "pharmacists" and then under the link for "Online Score Results". Scores are listed according to the Candidate's Testing ID number, which is assigned by the NABP testing administrator. Candidates need to write down the ATT number as the ATT is retained by the testing center. Kansas Board does NOT have access to your ATT number so do not misplace it. Scores are released to the boards anywhere between two to ten business days from the date the candidate sat for the exam. Scores will not be given out over the phone. If you do not pass the MPJE you must wait a

minimum of 30 days to retake the examination. If you do not pass the NAPLEX you must wait a minimum of 91 days to retake the examination. You must go to the NABP web site and sign up to retake those tests if you do not pass. The NABP web site has additional information in the Registration Bulletin.

If you have any questions regarding licensure by examination/score transfer contact the Board at their email address of pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov.

CHECKLIST FOR FOREIGN PHARMACIST LICENSE

1. Go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.net and sign up to take the FPGEE.
2. Go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.net and sign up to take the TOEFL (iBT)
3. Make a copy of the completed FPGEC to send with intern application.
4. Contact the Kansas Board of Pharmacy at pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov and request an Intern application. You must provide your address so that the application can be mailed to you.
5. Keep track of your 1500 hours. Turn your intern hours in to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. The Intern affidavit and Intern Hours Sheet is on the Kansas Board of Pharmacy webpage at www.pharmacy.ks.gov under the link for Licensing & Registration → Pharmacy Interns. It is titled Intern Affidavit and Intern Affidavit Page 2.
6. Once 1500 hours are completed, go to the Board of Pharmacy web site at www.pharmacy.ks.gov under the link "Licensing & Registration."
7. Go to the link for "Pharmacists" and click on the link for "Application for New Pharmacist Licensure."
8. Attach a check or money order for \$40.00 made payable to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy with a color photo of yourself including the head and shoulders.
9. Mail the Application by Examination to:
Kansas at Kansas Board of Pharmacy,
800 SW Jackson St., Ste 1414
Topeka, Kansas 66612
Make sure you attach a check for \$40.00 made payable to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. The application can be found on the Board web page at [www. Pharmacy.ks.gov](http://www.Pharmacy.ks.gov) and it titled "License by Examination."
10. Make sure the application has been signed by a notary.

11. Sign up to take both the NAPLEX and MPJE at nabp.net
12. Go to the link for Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE)
13. Complete the application for Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE) for the state of Kansas on the NABP website.
14. On the NABP web site go to the link for NAPLEX.
15. Complete the application for NAPLEX
16. NABP will provide you with your ATT number.
17. Make sure your correct address and telephone number is on the application. If you have moved you will need to turn your new address in to the Board of Pharmacy at pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov or via fax at (785) 296-8420. If you have changed your name make sure that you have changed it on your paperwork with the Board office.

You can check your MPJE and NAPLEX scores on the NABP web page. Go to the link for "Pharmacists" → "Online Score Results". Once you go on the link you can find your test score using your TEST ID Number. We cannot give scores over the phone. We cannot give ATT numbers that are lost, because NABP does not provide that information to the Kansas Board. It takes a minimum of two to ten days before we receive your test scores.

If you have any questions contact the Board of Pharmacy at pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov.