

Kansas Board of Pharmacy
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FOREIGN PHARMACY GRADUATE - Updated 6/2024

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. United States citizens who have completed their pharmacy education outside the United States are considered to be "foreign educated pharmacy graduates" while foreign nationals who have graduated from schools in the United States are not.

Foreign educated pharmacy 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.

In order to provide the Kansas Board with an FPGEC Certification the foreign educated pharmacy graduate must take and pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT). 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 US-educated pharmacists and provides proof that the applicant has a reasonable ability to communicate with the general public in English. The FPGEE minimum passing score is 75 and the TOEFL iBT minimum scores are:

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

Additional information can be found on the FBGEC Candidate Application Bulletin on the NABP website www.NABP.pharmacy.

Once the applicant has provided the Board with a copy of the FPGEC they must have 1740 intern hours or complete an Intern application and obtain at least 1740 Intern hours. The Intern registration requires a check or money order in the amount of \$77.00 made payable to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy for the application fee and a criminal background check. The LA-03 Intern Application can be downloaded from the Board's website www.pharmacy.ks.gov under Licensing & Registration > Forms. You do not have to be a citizen of the United States to receive an intern registration. You will have to arrange your own 1740-hour internship in a hospital or retail pharmacy under the supervision of a pharmacist licensed in Kansas. Once you earn your intern hours, you are eligible to be a pharmacist candidate.

Pharmacist 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". Please select the Pharmacist by Examination LA-01E form.

The application requires a \$157.00 check or money order made payable to the Board of Pharmacy. **You do not have to fill out the fourth page of LA-01E. 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.pharmacy to the links titled "NAPLEX" and "MPJE." Sign up to take the NAPLEX and the MPJE for Kansas on the NABP webpage.

Kansas Statutes & Regulations for study purposes can be found on the Kansas web site at www.pharmacy.ks.gov under the link titled "Statutes and Regulations". These can be downloaded.

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 website by logging in to your eProfile. 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 45 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@ks.gov.

CHECKLIST FOR FOREIGN PHARMACIST LICENSE

1. Go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.pharmacy and sign up to take the FPGEE.
2. Go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.pharmacy and sign up to take the TOEFL (iBT)
3. Make a copy of the completed FPGEC to send with intern application.
4. Download the LA-03 Intern Application and S-100 Background check Form from the KBOP website www.pharmacy.ks.gov >Licensing & Registration> Forms. Print a FD-258 Fingerprint Card or request one using the form on the website.
5. Keep track of your 1740 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> Forms> S-400 Intern Experience Hours.
6. Once 1740 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 Forms and click on the link for "LA-01E Pharmacist by Examination."
8. Follow the instructions to complete the application.
9. Mail the Licensure by Examination to:
Kansas Board of Pharmacy,
800 SW Jackson St., Ste 1414
Topeka, Kansas 66612
10. Sign up to take both the NAPLEX and MPJE at www.nabp.pharmacy.
11. NABP will provide you with your ATT number.
12. If you move or change your name during the application process, please make sure to turn in the LA-40 Change in Name or Contact Information form.

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