



## **LICENSING INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES OF FOREIGN PHARMACY SCHOOLS**

NABP assists graduates of foreign pharmacy schools in more than 200 countries as they work toward becoming licensed pharmacists in the United States. All 50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico require graduates of pharmacy schools that are not based in the US to achieve Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification. To see if you qualify for FPGEC Certification, contact the NABP: <https://nabp.pharmacy/programs/fpgec/>

Once you obtain your FPGEC Certification, you will be eligible to become an Oregon Intern. Once you have your Oregon Intern license you may start earning 1,440 hours in experience toward achieving competency in the practice of pharmacy. These 1,440 hours of internship must be completed prior to applying for and taking the Oregon Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) and before applying for licensure as a pharmacist as specified in Oregon Administrative Rule 855-019-0150. However, after you are licensed as an Oregon Intern, you are eligible to take the North American Pharmacist Licensing Examination (NAPLEX.) Please review the NAPLEX / MPJE process found on the Board's Oregon Pharmacist Licensing Procedures. [http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Imports/NAPLEX\\_MPJEInstructions.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Imports/NAPLEX_MPJEInstructions.pdf)

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

To become licensed in Oregon, you are **not** required to be an American citizen, however, if you have not obtained a naturalization document from the Immigration and Citizenship Department of the Office of Homeland Security you must have a passport with a valid U.S. Visa authorizing you to work in the United States (such as an H1B).

If you are in the United States under a Student Visa (F-1) you are not entitled to have an Oregon Intern License unless you have completed 1 full year of academic study and your Designated School Official has signed your I-20 indicating you are eligible to work off campus.

For graduates of Universities in Canada, please note that even though the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) recognizes the accreditation decisions of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP), the Oregon Board of Pharmacy still requires Canadian graduates to become FPGEC Certified.

### **LICENSING PROCEDURES**

1. FPGEE/FPGEC Examination. You are required to take and pass the FPGEE examination. See the link to the NABP website listed above for FPGEE/FPGEC requirements. Please note that part of the FPGEE Certificate requirement is that you successfully pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based Test (IBT).

After you take the FPGEE, you will receive an examination score report. This exam score report cannot be used to obtain an Oregon Intern License. You will receive an official FPGEC certificate from the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee.

2. Intern License Requirements. Once you have received your official FPGEC certificate, you are eligible to become an Oregon Pharmacy Intern.

Please click on the link below to download the Oregon Intern License Application:

[http://oregon.gov/Pharmacy/Imports/Intern\\_Application.pdf](http://oregon.gov/Pharmacy/Imports/Intern_Application.pdf).

Please note that if you do not have a U.S. Passport or Naturalization Documents, you must have a U.S. Visa that entitles you to work in the United States, such as a H1B/H2B Visa or EAD document.

B1/B2 Visa Holders are not eligible to obtain an Oregon Intern License as this visa does not allow you to work in the United States.

You must submit your **original** FPGEE/FPGEC certificate to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy when submitting your Intern Application, as well as a recent original passport style/visa style photograph of yourself and a color copy of your passport or birth certificate (translated if necessary). We will photocopy the FPGEE/FPGEC certificate, have it verified with the NABP for authenticity and mail your original FPGEE/FPGEC certificate back to you via Certified Return Receipt Requested mail. We do not accept copies of your FPGEE/FPGEC certificate.

3. Intern Hours. The State of Oregon requires 1,440 hours of internship **after you have taken and passed the FPGEE and TOEFL (iBT) exams and AFTER the certificates have been verified by NABP.**
  - a. Internship or practice as a pharmacist **outside the United States cannot** be accepted toward Oregon's internship requirement. Intern or professional practice performed before taking and passing the FPGEE and TOEFL iBT exams **will not** apply toward Oregon's required 1,440 hours.
  - b. You may complete hours as a licensed Intern in another state working under a Preceptor. However, you will need to report the hours to the board of pharmacy in that state and have that state's board of pharmacy certify your hours to us.
  - c. Once you have completed 1,440 hours of internship, you will be eligible to apply for and take the Oregon Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE).

However, after becoming an Oregon Intern, you are eligible to request for and apply to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX).

4. NAPLEX / MPJE Process. Download the Oregon NAPLEX application linked here: <http://oregon.gov/Pharmacy/Imports/NAPLEXApplication.pdf>.

After completing the Oregon NAPLEX application, submit it to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy with:

- A \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee;
- An original passport/visa style photograph taken within the past 6 months;

Register/pay for your NAPLEX and MPJE exams. The NABP fee for taking the NAPLEX is \$575.00 and the fee for the MPJE is \$250.00. <https://nabp.pharmacy/programs/>

Upon receiving an Authorization-To-Test (ATT) from the NABP, follow the NABP instructions on how to request an exam time and date.

Take your NAPLEX and/or MPJE exam.

The Oregon Board of Pharmacy will be advised if you pass the exam. We will inform you of your exam results. If you have successfully passed your exams, you will be mailed an Oregon pharmacist application (current pharmacist license fee is \$120.00) and national criminal background check.

The Board requires national criminal background check requirements for all new applicants. There is a \$40.00 processing fee payable to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy in addition to the \$12.50 fee required by the fingerprinting facility. You must schedule an appointment to have your fingerprints taken at a designated Fieldprint facility near you. Your fingerprints will then be electronically submitted to the Oregon State Police. Once we receive your application, application processing fee, and \$40.00 fingerprint processing fee, you will receive information you need in order to schedule an appointment to have your fingerprints taken.

Upon receiving your Oregon Pharmacist License Application and passing the national background check, you will be mailed your Oregon Pharmacist license.

**If you have not taken the FPGE or TOEFL iBT exams**, you are not eligible to have an Oregon Intern License nor are you eligible to take the Oregon NAPLEX or MPJE examinations. Contact the NABP for more information about the FPGE Requirements at:

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY**  
**1600 Feehanville Dr**  
**Mount Prospect IL 60056**

**Phone number: 847/391-4406**

**NABP e-mail Address: [help@nabp.pharmacy](mailto:help@nabp.pharmacy)**

**NABP Web Address: <https://nabp.pharmacy/>**

If you have further questions that have not been answered by this information handout, please contact either the NABP or the Oregon Board of Pharmacy. The Oregon Board of Pharmacy's phone number is 971/673-0001. You may also e-mail [michael.hunt@state.or.us](mailto:michael.hunt@state.or.us).