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PHARMACIST LICENSURE TRANSFER (RECIPROCITY) INFORMATION:

1. In order to be eligible to apply for reciprocity to the State of Oregon, you must have been licensed as a pharmacist for one full year.

If you have not been licensed as a pharmacist for one full year, you are still eligible for reciprocity but must have met the Oregon internship requirements within the one-year period prior to the date of your reciprocity application. The Oregon Board requires 2000 hours of internship/clerkship experience. Applicant must have these hours certified to us by the State Board of Pharmacy or other licensing agency in the state(s) where they accomplished the hours.

Oregon Intern licenses cannot be issued for individuals who already hold an out-of-state pharmacist license unless they have not practiced for one full year and have not met the 2000 internship hour requirement. You would be required to apply for an Oregon Intern Application, come into Oregon and work as an Intern in order to gain the remaining hours necessary to meet the 2000 hour requirement.

Please note that hours worked as a Pharmacist cannot be applied toward the Intern hours requirement. Once you met the 2000 hour requirement they would be eligible to take the Oregon Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) as long as you have also submitted your Official Licensure Transfer application to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy.

2. The Oregon Board of Pharmacy currently allows reciprocity with all states.

California Pharmacists must have taken the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) on or after January 1, 2004 to be eligible to apply for reciprocity. If California Pharmacists have not taken the NAPLEX exam please contact the Oregon Board of Pharmacy for more information or review the information on the Oregon Board of Pharmacy website.

Whenever necessary, the Oregon Board will temporarily cancel reciprocity with any state that disregards existing reciprocal agreements until such time as the difficulty is adjusted with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

3. Pharmacists can only reciprocate to Oregon using their original/initial pharmacist license by examination being active. Oregon does not accept reciprocity applications from a reciprocated license. An example would be if a pharmacist originally became licensed in Texas and then reciprocates their Texas pharmacist license to Idaho. If they allow their Texas license to lapse the pharmacist cannot apply for reciprocity to Oregon based on the Idaho license. They would have to reactivate their Texas pharmacist license in order to apply for reciprocity to Oregon.

4. Oregon statute does not allow licensure by exam or by reciprocity of a candidate who has not obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from a college of pharmacy accredited by the ACPE. Since January 2003, the ACPE requires a six-year degree of all accredited colleges and schools of pharmacy.

5. If you are a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate, you must have obtained your Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Committee (FPGEC) Certificate. Foreign Pharmacy Graduates must have passed their English Exams with the following scores and provide a copy of these scores to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with either a 213 for the Computer-based examination or 550 for the Paper-based examination, and
- TSE-P (Test of Spoken English) with a minimum score of 50.
- If the TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language (Internet Based Text)) was taken, you must have passed the Written part with a minimum score of 24; the Listening part with a minimum score of 18; the Speaking part with a minimum score of 26; and the Reading part with a minimum score of 21.

If you are a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate and are licensed in another state but do not hold a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Committee (FPGEC) Certificate, you must request a waiver of the FPGEE requirements unless you have been granted a Pharm.D. degree from an ACPE accredited school of pharmacy. Contact the Oregon Board of Pharmacy for more information.

6. Pharmacists must be 18 years of age in order to apply for reciprocity. You are required to submit a copy of your state-issued birth certificate or copy of your valid/active U.S. Passport. "State-issued" means it must come from the vital records office of the state/county where you were born. We will not accept courtesy copies of birth certificates provided by hospitals.

7. **Temporary work permits will not be issued.** You must have passed the Oregon Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam and have your Oregon Pharmacist License in hand before working as a pharmacist in Oregon.

8. Official reciprocal applications are valid for ONE YEAR from the Date of Issue. You can find your issue date on the front of your official reciprocity application located at the upper right corner. You MUST submit your official application to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy within 90 days from the issue date. Extensions can be required through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy prior to the expiration of their "Date of Issue."

9. Applicants must complete their licensure/reciprocity process with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy within one year from the date of issue on the application regardless of when your Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination Authorization to Test Letter issued by the Testing Center indicates.

PROCEDURE FOR RECIPROCATING TO OREGON

1. Fill out and forward the preliminary application to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) by following the directions on the application. You can find a preliminary application on the NABP Website (www.nabp.net). The current NABP fee is \$300.00.

2. The NABP will verify your preliminary application information and mail you the Official Application for Transfer of Pharmaceutical Licensure.

3. When you receive your official application from NABP, mail the following items to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy:

- The NABP Official Application;
- \$200 Oregon Reciprocity processing fee;
- Photograph of yourself;

- Photocopy of your state-issued birth certificate or U.S. Passport. If you are a foreign pharmacy graduate and do not have a U.S. Passport or state-issued birth certificate, we will accept a photocopy of your naturalization papers. Foreign pharmacists must also have a social security number/employment authorization document or proper U.S. Visa allowing them to work in the United States.

4. After the Oregon Board of Pharmacy receives your official NABP reciprocity application and the items listed above, we will mail you a letter stating your application has been accepted.

5. You will need to register with the NABP in order to take the Oregon Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE). The Oregon MPJE examination is \$185.00 and can be paid by Visa or MasterCard. Once the Oregon Board of Pharmacy certifies your eligibility to the NABP, you should receive an Authorization to Test letter or e-mail from the testing company within 2 weeks. After you receive the Authorization to Test letter or e-mail, contact the testing company to set up an exam date. Examinations are given by computer Monday through Saturdays, excluding holidays, in many locations throughout the country. You are not required to come to Oregon to take the Oregon MPJE.

If you pass the Oregon MPJE examination, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy will mail you your test scores and an application to become a licensed pharmacist. The pharmacist license fee is \$120.00 and can be paid by check or money order. Once we receive your application and fee, we will process your application and issue you an Oregon pharmacist license.

If you fail the Oregon MPJE examination, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy will mail you your test results and an Oregon MPJE Retake Form. The Oregon MPJE Retake fee is \$15.00 and can be paid by check or money order. You will also need to reregister with the NABP and pay another MPJE exam fee of \$185.00.

6. The MPJE exam consists of Federal and State Pharmacy law. We recommend that you review the Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules; Federal law and the last 8 copies of the Oregon Newsletters. Study material can be found on our website at www.pharmacy.state.or.us. If you would like to have a hard copy or CD of the ORS and OAR, please fill out an Order Laws and Rules form found on our website with a check or money order in the amount of \$15.00.

7. After NABP notifies the Oregon Board of Pharmacy that they have received your MPJE application and we have all of the required documentation, we will verify your eligibility to the NABP.

8. Once you take the MPJE, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy should have your exam results within 96 hours. The MPJE score remains valid for a period of 6 months.

9. You must take and pass the MPJE exam as well as become licensed as an Oregon Pharmacist within **ONE YEAR** from the date of your official NABP reciprocity application which can be found in the upper right-hand corner of your official application **OR** before the sixth month expiration date of your Oregon MPJE exam date, whichever date expires first.

10. Application processing times vary. The Oregon Board of Pharmacy will issue you your license as quickly as possible. Once we receive your Oregon Pharmacist License Application and \$120.00 license fee, we will mail your license to you at the address on your NABP Official Application.

Please keep the Oregon Board of Pharmacy informed of any changes to your physical and mailing addresses.

11. The Continuing Education requirement is 15 hours every year, of which at least eleven CE hours must be earned in therapeutics, pharmacy and drug law and legal aspects of health care. At least 1 of the 11 hours must be earned in the area of Pharmacy and drug law.

12. There is a 1 time requirement for all pharmacists licensed in Oregon to complete 7 hours of continuing education in the area of Pain Management. 1 of the 7 hours must be earned from the Oregon Pain Management Commission which can be found on their website under the Training and Events section. Their website is www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain.