



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 855

BOARD OF PHARMACY

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ARCHIVES DIVISION SECRETARY OF STATE

FILING CAPTION: Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, and Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination; Amends examination fees

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 11/24/2026 4:30 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 11/24/2026

TIME: 9:30 AM

OFFICER: Rachel Melvin

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

PHONE NUMBER: 503-446-4951

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This hearing will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

If you wish to present oral testimony virtually during this hearing, sign up on our website at

www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/pages/rulemaking-information or email your first and last name and email address to pharmacy.rulemaking@bop.oregon.gov. Please indicate which rule(s) you would like to comment on.

You must submit written comments before 4:30PM on November 24, 2026. Email written comments to pharmacy.rulemaking@bop.oregon.gov.

NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

Adds implementation dates for both multistate pharmacy jurisprudence examination and uniform multistate pharmacy jurisprudence examination, proposes new examination and reexamination fee of \$350 made payable to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), proposes striking "Oregon" from rules that currently contain "Oregon MPJE" in Division 115.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

June 2025 Bd Mtg Summary, mailing #E

https://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Documents/June_2025_Bd_Meeting_Summary.pdf

December 2025 Bd Mtg Summary, mailing #I

https://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Documents/December_2025_Board_Mtg_Summary.pdf

February 2026 Bd Mtg Summary, mailing #C

https://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Documents/February_2026_Board_Mtg_Summary.pdf

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE:

It is anticipated that these amendments will not impact any group of people differently than others.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

Applicants for Pharmacist licensure are required to pay the fee to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This fee does not impact the agency's budget. There are no known economic impacts to the agency, other state or local government, small businesses or members of the public.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not involved in determining rule amendments. A notice of rulemaking hearing will be sent to interested parties, some of whom may identify as a small business and will have an opportunity to provide public comment on the proposed rule amendments.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

No. The resources involved in convening a RAC were not necessary. The Board solicited public feedback via a survey on 1/14/2026. The Board reviewed comments received during the February 2026 board meeting and instructed staff to draft proposed rules.

RULES PROPOSED:

855-110-0006, 855-115-0020, 855-115-0025, 855-115-0035

AMEND: 855-110-0006

RULE SUMMARY: Proposes amending current MPJE examination and reexamination fees from \$170 to \$350 as

required by NABP and adds effective dates 3/31/2027 and 4/01/2027 to align with the Board's decision to move from an Oregon specific MPJE to the UMPJE.

CHANGES TO RULE:

855-110-0006

Pharmacist Examination Fees Paid to NABP

(1) Pharmacist examination fees to be paid to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for NAPLEX exam:¶

(a) NAPLEX Examination fee - \$520¶

(b) NAPLEX Reexamination fee - \$520 ¶

(c) All other associated fees see NABP website.¶

(2) Pharmacist jurisprudence examination fees to be paid to NABP for MPJE exam:¶

(a) MPJE Examination fee - \$170 (effective until 3/31/2027)¶

(b) MPJE Reexamination fee - \$170¶

~~¶ (effective until 3/31/2027)¶~~

(c) Effective 4/01/2027 MPJE Exam fee - \$350¶

(d) Effective 4/01/2027 MPJE Reexamination fee - \$350¶

(e) All other associated fees see NABP website.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 689.135

RULE SUMMARY: Proposed amendments include removing "exam" from (1)(b) and "Oregon and exam" from (1)(c) to align with the newly proposed definition of "Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination". The Board has identified that moving from an Oregon specific MPJE to the UMPJE creates a standardized assessment of pharmacist entry into the practice throughout the United States without compromising patient safety.

CHANGES TO RULE:

855-115-0020

Licensure: Qualifications - Examination or Score Transfer

(1) To receive licensure as a Pharmacist by examination or score transfer, an applicant must meet the following requirements:¶

(a) Provide evidence in the form of an official transcript from an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited college or school of pharmacy or compliance with OAR 855-115-0015 that: ¶

(A) A degree has been conferred; and¶

(B) The applicant has completed a minimum of 1440 hours in an Internship Program as that term is defined in OAR 855-120-0005.¶

(b) Pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)-~~exam~~. A passing result is valid for 12 months. A candidate who does not pass may retake the exam after a minimum of 45 days with a limit of three attempts in a 12-month period, not to exceed a lifetime maximum of 5 failed attempts;¶

(c) Pass the ~~Oregon~~ Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)-~~exam~~. A passing result is valid for 12 months. A candidate who does not pass may retake the exam after a minimum of 30 days with a limit of three attempts in a 12-month period, not to exceed a lifetime maximum of 5 failed attempts; and¶

(d) Complete one hour of continuing pharmacy education in pain management, provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority.¶

(2) An applicant who has obtained their professional degree outside the United States is not eligible for licensure via examination or score transfer until they have met the requirements of OAR 855-115-0015.¶

(3) An applicant applying via score transfer must request the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to transfer their NAPLEX score to Oregon.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 413.590, ORS 689.151, ORS 689.285

AMEND: 855-115-0025

RULE SUMMARY: Proposes amending (1)(c) by removing "Oregon" to align with the newly proposed definition of "Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination". The Board identified that moving from an Oregon specific MPJE to the UMPJE creates a standardized assessment of pharmacist entry into the practice throughout the United States without compromising patient safety.

CHANGES TO RULE:

855-115-0025

Licensure: Qualifications - Reciprocity

(1) An applicant for licensure as a Pharmacist by reciprocity must meet the requirements of ORS 689.265 and provide evidence of the following requirements:¶¶

(a) Be a graduate, as shown by an official transcript, of an ACPE accredited college or school of pharmacy or compliance with OAR 855-115-0015;¶¶

(b) Have passed the NAPLEX;¶¶

(c) Have passed the ~~Oregon~~ MPJE. A passing result is valid for 12 months. A candidate who does not pass may retake the exam after a minimum of 30 days with a limit of three attempts in a 12-month period, not to exceed a lifetime maximum of 5 failed attempts;¶¶

(d) Proof that each pharmacist license granted to the applicant is not suspended, revoked, canceled or otherwise completely restricted from the practice of pharmacy for any reason except nonrenewal or the failure to obtain required continuing education credits in any state where the applicant is licensed but not engaged in the practice of pharmacy; and¶¶

(e) Have either:¶¶

(A) Been engaged in the practice of pharmacy for period of at least 12 months including a minimum of 1440 hours of work experience as a licensed Pharmacist. Evidence supporting this work experience must be provided at time of application; or¶¶

(B) Completed 1440 hours in an Internship Program as that term is defined in OAR 855-120-0190¶¶ within the 12-month period immediately before the date of application. Evidence must be provided at time of application.¶¶

(2) An applicant who has obtained their professional degree outside the United States and jurisdiction is not eligible for licensure by reciprocity until they have met the requirements of OAR 855-115-0015.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 689.151, ORS 689.265, ORS 689.405

RULE SUMMARY: Proposes amending (4) by removing “Oregon” to align with the newly proposed definition of “Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination”. The Board identified that moving from an Oregon specific MPJE to the UMPJE creates a standardized assessment of pharmacist entry into the practice throughout the United States without compromising patient safety.

CHANGES TO RULE:

855-115-0035

Licensure: Renewal or Reinstatement

(1) An applicant for renewal of a Pharmacist license must: ¶

(a) Pay the biennial license fee required in OAR 855-110; ¶

(b) Complete the continuing pharmacy education requirements as outlined in OAR 855-135; ¶

(c) Be subject to a criminal background check; and ¶

(d) Provide a written description and documentation regarding all conduct that is required to be disclosed. ¶

(2) A Pharmacist who fails to renew their license by the expiration date and whose license has been lapsed for 12 months or less may apply to renew their license and must pay a late fee required in OAR 855-110. ¶

(3) A person who fails to renew their license by the expiration date and whose license has been lapsed for greater than 12 months may apply to reinstate their Pharmacist license as follows: ¶

(a) Apply per OAR 855-115-0030; ¶

(b) Provide certification of completion of the continuing pharmacy education requirement in OAR 855-135 for all years in which the license was lapsed; and ¶

(c) Meet the requirements below, if applicable. ¶

(4) A person must take and pass the ~~Oregon~~ MPJE if their ~~p~~Pharmacist license has been lapsed for more than three years. A passing result is valid for 12 months. A candidate who does not pass may retake the exam after a minimum of 30 days with a limit of three attempts in a 12- month period, not to exceed a lifetime maximum of 5 failed attempts. ¶

(5) If the Pharmacist license has been lapsed for more than five years and the person has not maintained an active ~~p~~Pharmacist license in another US state or jurisdiction, a person must comply with (4) and take and pass the NAPLEX. A passing result is valid for 12 months. A candidate who does not pass may retake the exam after a minimum of 45 days with a limit of three attempts in a 12 month period, not to exceed a lifetime maximum of 5 failed attempts. ¶

(6) In lieu of reinstatement, a person may apply for licensure via reciprocity if the person has maintained an active ~~p~~Pharmacist license in good standing in another US state or jurisdiction. ¶

(7) A person whose Pharmacist license has been retired for more than 12 months need only pay the annual license fees for the year in which they seek a license, however they must also complete the requirements in (3). ¶

(8) A person whose Pharmacist license has been suspended, revoked or restricted has the right, at reasonable intervals, to petition to the board for reinstatement of such license pursuant to ORS 689.445 and in conjunction with the application process identified in OAR 855-115-0030.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 689.151, ORS 689.275, ORS 689.285, ORS 689.448