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Dear Prospective Graduates:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from pharmacy school. This document will provide detailed instructions and information on how to apply for a pharmacist license in the State of Ohio.

UPDATE: The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is committed to protecting the health and safety of Ohioans during the COVID-19 outbreak. We are working directly with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) who is coordinating efforts with Pearson Vue to ensure graduates have the ability to take their examinations as quickly as possible. As we become aware of additional information, the Board will provide updates to schools of pharmacy and prospective graduates.

One way to ensure you are approved to test upon graduation is following the steps outlined below. You are also encouraged to check the status of your Pharmacy Intern license by visiting www.license.ohio.gov. Graduates with an **Active** intern license will still be permitted to work under that license until their pharmacist license is granted.

For more information on the state's efforts to address coronavirus, visit www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

Steps to Obtain a Pharmacist License in Ohio:

- 1. Submit fingerprints for Ohio BCI&I and FBI background checks at a WebCheck provider.** Please be advised that the Board must receive your background check results **before** we can approve you to test. Note that the results of any previous background checks completed as part of your academic program or employment are not applicable. The [Background Check Summary guidance document](#) provides more information and guidance on how to obtain the correct background checks. It is strongly recommended that fingerprints be submitted prior to submission of an application to the Board (step #2).

UPDATE: Pharmacy personnel are considered essential employees per the Ohio Department of Health's order issued March 22, 2020. All county sheriff's departments have been informed and should accept graduates who are submitting fingerprints for pharmacist licensure. You are encouraged to contact the Webcheck agency (sheriff's department) you plan to visit to confirm their hours of operation and acceptance of your fingerprints. A list of Webcheck agencies can be found [here](#).

- 2. Submit an application for an Ohio pharmacist license via eLicense Ohio.** This application can be submitted up to thirty (30) days prior to your graduation date. The application must be submitted electronically via eLicense Ohio; paper applications will not be accepted. Students who have a pharmacy intern license have already used eLicense Ohio to renew their intern license last fall. If you do not have an eLicense Ohio account, you will need to create one. Step-by-step instructions for account registration can be found [here](#). For assistance with account registration and password resets, please contact the eLicense Ohio Customer Support Center at 855-405-5514, Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

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- 3. Register for the NAPLEX and MPJE with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).** It is highly recommended that an application for eligibility to NABP be made at the same time you apply to the Board. This helps to ensure an applicant will be approved to sit for the exams as soon as possible following graduation.

To register for the exams, a NABP e-Profile account is required. Account creation instructions can be found on the [NAPLEX/MPJE Bulletin](#). Once logged-in, choose the jurisdiction(s) for which you are seeking eligibility, and **submit a \$100 non-refundable fee for each jurisdiction selected**. You may log in and check the status of your application at any time. (NOTE: For the NAPLEX, you must select one primary jurisdiction; for the MPJE, you may select multiple jurisdictions.)

- 4. Graduate.** Shortly after graduation, a representative for your school or college will submit a Certificate of Pharmacy Education to the Board for each of the PharmD graduates, confirming that they have earned the required academic experiential hours for A.C.P.E. accredited schools of 1,740 academic hours (300 IPPE; 1,440 APPE).

***Once all the above information is received and reviewed by the Board (background check results, license application, exam registration with NABP, and Certificate of Pharmacy education), the Board will grant you approval to take the exams. Please be advised that some applications require more time to review than others.

- 5. Purchase the NAPLEX and MPJE with NABP.** Once eligibility has been granted by the Board, you may purchase the exam(s). You must log in to your NABP e-Profile to pay the applicable fees (NAPLEX – \$475; MPJE – \$150 per jurisdiction). Once you purchase the exam(s), you will receive your Authorization to Test (ATT), which will allow you to schedule your exam(s).

Note: NABP offers discounts for military members and their spouses. To receive a discount, contact [Customer Service](#) before applying for the NAPLEX and MPJE. Discounts will not be provided for repeat attempts or re-sitting fees.

- 6. Schedule your exam(s) with Pearson VUE.** Once the exams have been purchased, Pearson VUE will send you an email with your Authorization to Test (ATT). The ATT letter includes eligibility dates during which you may take the examination, instructions for scheduling your testing appointment, and other important information.

- Your ATT is valid for one testing session only.
- Candidates should make sure all the information in their ATT letter is correct.
- Check to make sure your name on the ATT letter exactly matches the two forms of identification you will bring to check in to the testing center.
- See "Name Matching Guidelines" on [NABP/MPJE Bulletin](#) for more details.

If you do not receive or have misplaced your ATT letter, contact Pearson VUE Customer Service Monday through Friday at 888-709-2679 from 7 am to 7 pm (CT). Be sure to check your spam or junk email folder before you call. ATT letters or numbers will not be issued via phone or fax.

7. Take your exam(s).

*****NABP will report your exam scores to the Board within seven (7) business days. Score results are checked every business day by Board staff. Applicants who have met all Board requirements and passed all required examinations will be issued a pharmacist license at that time.*****

Transferring Intern Hours to Another State for Pharmacist Licensure:

If you wish to apply for a license in another state and need to transfer academic and practical experience hours to that state, you must request a license verification. The Board will report that you have a minimum of 1,740 hours to any other state when requested. Any practical experience hours you earned and reported to the Board will also be included. NOTE: If you are not going to apply for licensure as a pharmacist in Ohio, you do not need to take the Ohio exam to transfer hours.

To request a license verification, log-in to [eLicense Ohio](#) and select **"Send License Verification"** from the options menu on your Intern license tile. The license verification fee is \$35.00 per verification. *Please*

note, only one verification will be generated per request. So, if multiple verifications are needed, then you will need to submit and pay multiple times.

Application and Examination Fees		
State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy		
Initial License by Examination	\$110.00	
Initial License by Reciprocity	\$337.50	
eLicense System Transaction Fee* <i>*Charged per application</i>	\$3.50	
Re-examination Fee	\$110.00 per request	
License Verification	\$35.00	
National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)		
	Application	Examination
NAPLEX	\$100.00	\$475.00
MPJE	\$100.00 per jurisdiction	\$150.00 per jurisdiction
NAPLEX Score Transfer* <i>*May be made at time of examination or up to 90 days after exam date.</i>	\$75.00 per request/jurisdiction	

Contact Information	
<i>*PLEASE NOTE: Some offices may be closed or have different hours than what is listed below due to COVID-19.</i>	
<p>State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy www.pharmacy.ohio.gov Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm ET 614-466-4143 licensing@pharmacy.ohio.gov</p>	<p>NABP Customer Service https://nabp.pharmacy Monday-Friday, 10 am to 6 pm ET 847-391-4406 help@nabp.pharmacy</p>
<p>eLicense Ohio Customer Support Center Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm ET 855-405-5514</p>	<p>Pearson VUE Customer Service Monday-Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET 888-709-2679</p>