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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.

IMPORTANT – You may have heard from your pharmacy school dean(s) and/or faculty that the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) has developed a new jurisprudence exam – the [Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam](#) or UMPJE. The UMPJE will be available for the 2026 graduating class. The Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the UMPJE as an exam that meets the licensure requirements for a pharmacist by examination (OAC 4729:1-2-01).

Until October 1, 2026, all new applicants for licensure as a pharmacist by examination will have the option to complete one of the following jurisprudence exams to satisfy the Board’s licensure requirements:

- Ohio Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (Ohio MPJE)
- Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (UMPJE)

In addition to the new exam, 2026 graduates from Ohio pharmacy schools will have the option to take the UMPJE prior to graduation. This opportunity is only available for prospective graduates who are taking the UMPJE; the Ohio MPJE can only be taken after graduation and degree conferral.

To ensure new pharmacists understand the specific laws and rules that govern the practice of pharmacy in the state of Ohio, the Board is developing a law review course. All applicants who take and pass the UMPJE will also be required to complete this no-cost, on-demand course prior to licensure. See [Step 9](#) for more information.

Please review the following guidance and frequently asked questions carefully to understand the recommended steps for obtaining your Ohio pharmacist license.

Steps to Obtain a Pharmacist License in Ohio:

1. Determine which jurisprudence exam you would like to take.

- **Ohio MPJE** - continue to step 2 and prepare to take both the NAPLEX and Ohio MPJE after your graduation date.
- **UMPJE** -
 - **Early (prior to graduation)** - Notify your school if you would like to take the exam prior to graduation. If so, your school will inform NABP of your interest. Then, beginning March 13, 2026, you may apply for eligibility for the UMPJE exam directly with NABP using your NABP e-Profile account [here](#) (see more guidance on the e-Profile account under item #4). On April 1, 2026, NABP will begin approving current and future eligibility applications for prospective graduates from Ohio schools of pharmacy, and you will receive your Authorization to Test (ATT) to purchase and schedule the exam. You may schedule your exam at any time prior to or after graduation. Exam results will be sent to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy within 14 business days.
 - **After graduation** – continue to step 2 and prepare to take the NAPLEX and UMPJE after graduation.

2. Submit fingerprints for Ohio BCI 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 for the NAPLEX or Ohio MPJE, but not the UMPJE. Note that the results of any previous background checks completed as part of your academic program or employment are not applicable. The [Criminal Records Check Information guidance document](#) provides more information 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 #3).

3. 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. On the application, indicate how you plan to satisfy the examination requirements.

- NAPLEX with Ohio as primary jurisdiction or NAPLEX by Score Transfer
- Ohio MPJE or UMPJE

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 apply for and/or renew their intern license. 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.

- 4. Register for the NAPLEX and Ohio MPJE (if applicable) 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 you will be approved to sit for the exams as soon as possible following graduation.

To register for the exams, an NABP e-Profile account is required. Account creation instructions can be found on the [NAPLEX/MPJE Bulletin](#). **IMPORTANT: You must register your name as it appears on your primary ID. Failure to register with an acceptable name will prohibit you from entrance at the testing facility. See Section 8 of the Bulletin for more guidance.**

Once logged in, choose the jurisdiction(s) for which you are seeking eligibility, and **submit a \$100 non-refundable fee for each exam and 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.)

- 5. Graduate.** Shortly after graduation, a representative for your school or college will submit a Certificate of Pharmacy Education form 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 form), the Board will grant you approval to take the requested exam(s). Please be advised that some applications require more time to review than others. If you have already taken and passed the UMPJE, the Board will document your passing result on your application and await your NAPLEX exam result prior to issuing your license.

- 6. Purchase the NAPLEX and Ohio MPJE (if applicable) 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 – \$520; MPJE – \$170 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, review [Section 6 of the Bulletin for more guidance](#) before applying for the NAPLEX and MPJE. Discounts will not be provided for repeat attempts or re-sitting fees.

- 7. Schedule your exam(s) with Pearson VUE.** Once the exam(s) 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 [NAPLEX/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 8 am to 8 pm (ET). 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.

- 8. Take your exam(s).** NABP will report your exam scores to the Board within fourteen (14) 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.
- 9. For applicants taking the UMPJE,** the Board is developing and will require you to complete a brief online review of pharmacy laws and rules specific to Ohio. This review will be available on-demand and can be completed at any time during the licensure process prior to license issuance. The course will be approximately 60 minutes in length and must be completed by each applicant individually. There is no cost to complete this course. The Board is actively developing this review for release in May 2026 and will update this guidance document and send communication when more information is available.

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. *NOTE: Only one verification will be generated per request. So, if multiple verifications are needed, you will need to submit and pay multiple times.* A detailed guidance document on requesting license verification can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/eLicenseVerify.

Applying for Ohio Licensure by Reciprocity:

Graduates who obtain licensure as a pharmacist in a state other than Ohio should follow the [Ohio Pharmacist Licensure by Reciprocity](#) guidance. Effective March 5, 2024, any reciprocal applicant who has not successfully passed any state or jurisdiction’s MPJE or an approved state law examination will be required to take the Ohio MPJE or UMPJE in lieu of completing the reciprocity course/hearing. Approved state law examinations are Arkansas, California, and Puerto Rico.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1) I would like to take the UMPJE, but am I required to take the UMPJE prior to graduation?

No. In addition to its availability prior to graduation, the UMPJE will also be available for applicants after graduation.

Q2) Do I have to submit an application to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy and background check results prior to applying for and taking the UMPJE before graduation?

No. If you wish to take the UMPJE before graduation you only need to inform your school and apply to NABP for the UMPJE exam. Your Ohio pharmacist licensure application can be submitted up to thirty (30) days prior to graduation.

Q3) I took the UMPJE early and failed. Can I take it again before I graduate?

No. NABP only permits one (1) attempt at the UMPJE prior to an applicant’s graduation date. You may re-apply for the UMPJE with NABP and NABP will approve you for a second attempt after you graduate.

Q4) I applied for the Ohio MPJE, but now I would like to take the UMPJE. Can I get a refund?

Until October 1, 2026, NABP will honor refund requests for exam eligibility application fees of the Ohio MPJE. Please contact NABP directly to request a refund.

For the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, no notification or refund is necessary. We will keep your application open as long as you have an active ATT. The exam result received by the Board will inform us whether you completed the Ohio MPJE or UMPJE.

Q5) I passed the Ohio MPJE prior to October 1, 2026, but still need to pass the NAPLEX. Do I now have to pass the UMPJE?

All passing scores of the Ohio MPJE with an examination date prior to October 1, 2026 will remain valid for a period of three years so long as no more than twelve (12) months elapses between attempts to successfully complete the NAPLEX (see [rule 4729:1-2-01 \(F\) of the Ohio Administrative Code](#)).

Application and Examination Fees		
Ohio Board of Pharmacy		
Initial License by Examination	\$110.00	
Initial License by Reciprocity	\$337.50	
eLicense System Transaction Fee ¹	\$3.50	
Re-examination Fee ²	\$110.00 per request	
License Verification	\$35.00	
National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)		
	Application	Examination
NAPLEX	\$100.00	\$520.00
MPJE	\$100.00 per jurisdiction	\$170.00 per jurisdiction
UMPJE	\$100.00	\$350.00
NAPLEX and UMPJE Score Transfer	<i>Refer to Section 11 of NAPLEX/MPJE Bulletin</i>	

Contact Information	
<p>Ohio Board of Pharmacy www.pharmacy.ohio.gov Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5pm 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 www.pearsonvue.com</p>

¹ The eLicense System Transaction Fee will be assessed on each license application (initial, renewal, and reinstatement) that is submitted in the eLicense Ohio system operated by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Licensing boards and commissions do not receive revenue from this fee. The transaction fee is nonrefundable.

² A re-examination application and fee are required for each applicant who fails the NAPLEX and/or Ohio MPJE and would like to have an additional attempt. This re-examination application and fee are submitted to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy as a service request in the eLicense Ohio system. Additional attempts of the UMPJE do not require any application or fee to the Board. The applicant will be required to submit additional application and exam fees to NABP for multiple attempts.

