

# GETTING LICENSED AS A PHARMACIST: AN UNOFFICIAL RESOURCE GUIDE TO THE 50 STATES OF THE US – AS OF 6/30/17

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## About This Booklet

This booklet contains information on all 50 states available for pharmacist licensure in 2016. The following information is up to date as of **June 30, 2017**. The information in this booklet applies to graduates of an ACPE-accredited College of Pharmacy who are applying for initial licensure by examination in the United States of America. Graduates of a foreign school of pharmacy should check online for information on how to apply for licensure. Additionally, applicants applying for licensure by reciprocity or score transfer should check with the respective board of pharmacy to see if their requirements differ. Please check the individual state's licensing agency or board of pharmacy (BOP) website for the most up to date information. **\*\*\*\*\*We do not guarantee, endorse, promote or support any of the programs listed in this resource guide – it is only a list of information we found at other sites and through other professionals.\*\*\*\*\***

Each state contains the following information:

- Link to the Board of Pharmacy website.
- Link to application form/online application, if applicable.
- Requirements and process to obtain license, including supporting documentation.
- Continuing education requirements, including details of type and applicable deadlines.
- Cost of initial licensure and other fees assessed.
- License renewal information, including renewal period and renewal fee.
- Pharmacy Law Resources, including links to that state's pharmacy laws and statutes, as well as information on live review sessions or study materials available, if applicable.

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Information on licensure was collected from the websites of state licensing agencies and boards of pharmacy. Information on pharmacy law resources was collected by contacting pharmacy law professors who are part of the American Society for Pharmacy Law (ASPL) educators list, as well as by searching online for the most current state pharmacy laws. **This booklet is in no way a comprehensive review of all pharmacy law resources available.**



## Terms to Know

Continuing Education	Post-graduate learning required for maintenance of a pharmacist license
Reciprocity	License transfer from another state
ACPE	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
NAPLEX	North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination
MPJE	<b>Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination</b>
Score transfer	The process of transferring NAPLEX scores to another state for initial licensing, usually within 12 months of passing score
NABP	National Association of Boards of Pharmacy

## Examination Information

2017 NAPLEX/MPJE Candidate Registration Bulletin: <http://www.nabp.pharmacy/programs/mpje>

Consult the NABP website for fees associated with sitting for licensure examinations.

## Score Transfer

The NAPLEX score transfer program allows you to transmit your NAPLEX score to another state other than the primary one where you are seeking licensure. Score transfer requests may be submitted up to 90 days after sitting for the NAPLEX. You can select additional jurisdictions during the exam registration process or submit score transfer requests separately after you sit for the scheduled exam. Please see NABP for respective fees associated with score transfer.

## Requirements Below by State

Below, in alphabetical order, we present the information we found from various sources by state licensure information for pharmacy students as of **June 30, 2017**. **Please consult the state board of pharmacy in the jurisdiction(s) you are interested in for the most accurate information and do not rely on the information in this resource as a sole source of information.**



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# Alabama

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.albop.com/>

**FAQ:** <http://www.albop.com/FAQ.aspx>

**Application:** [https://igovsolution.net/albop\\_online/InitialLicense/Pharmacist\\_license.aspx](https://igovsolution.net/albop_online/InitialLicense/Pharmacist_license.aspx)

## Requirements for Licensure:

- College Affidavit to be completed by College of Pharmacy
- 1,500 internship hours required
  - 400 hours must be completed in a traditional pharmacy after 2<sup>nd</sup> professional year
  - All non-curriculum hours worked in another state must be certified by that state BOP
  - All curriculum hours worked in another state must be submitted through College of Pharmacy
- 3 Vouchers as to Moral Character from registered pharmacists in good standing
- 2 passport photos with notarization statement attached
- Legible copy of official birth certificate and driver's license
  - If born outside the US, include copy of passport, social security card, and proof of citizenship
- Application should be notarized
- After application is processed, you will be required to interview with the Alabama BOP

**Cost of Licensure:** \$300 application fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 15 hours of ACPE- approved CE every year (ACPE code must end in P)
  - Minimum of 3 hours must be live CE
- No CE requirements during first year of licensing

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of even-numbered years
- \$100 renewal fee + \$100 controlled substances fee (due October 31<sup>st</sup>)

## MPJE Resources:

- Statutes and Rules: <http://www.albop.com/StatutesAndRules.aspx>
- Law Review at Samford University (Birmingham, AL):
  - Contact Ronda Lacey ([rhlacey@samford.edu](mailto:rhlacey@samford.edu)) for more information
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# Alaska

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPharmacy.aspx>

**FAQ:** <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPharmacy/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx>

## **Guide to Obtaining Your Alaska Pharmacist License:**

- [https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/Pharmacist\\_Licensing\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/Pharmacist_Licensing_Guide.pdf)

**Applications:** <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/pha4032.pdf>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Official transcript sent directly from College of Pharmacy to Alaska BOP
- Submit verification of 1,500 internship hours
  - Educational Intern Hours (can account for no more than 1,000 of the 1,500 hours): Acquired through your degree program; must be substantiated in writing by your state BOP or College of Pharmacy
  - Non-Educational Intern Hours (minimum of 500 hours): Hours worked as an intern or pharmacist that are not designated to your degree program; must be substantiated in writing by your state board or supervising pharmacist
- Submit 2 affidavits from reputable citizens that you have known for at least one year attesting to your good moral character
- Medical history disclosure
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$60 application fee + \$240 license fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of ACPE-approved CE by June 30<sup>th</sup> of even numbered years (every 2 years)
- If applying for renewal for the first time, you are required to complete half of the CE requirements for each complete 12 month period that you were licensed

## **License Renewal:**

- All licenses expire on June 30 of even-numbered years, unless new license issued within 90 days
  - There is no grace period, so allow three to four weeks for processing after receipt
- Biennial License Renewal (*for licenses first issued on or before June 30, 2015*): \$240 fee
- Prorated License Renewal (*for licenses first issued on or after July 1, 2015*): \$120 fee

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes and Regulations:
  - <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPharmacy/StatutesRegulations.aspx>



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# Arizona

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://pharmacy.az.gov/>

**FAQ:** <https://pharmacy.az.gov/faq>

**Information for New Graduates:**

- <https://pharmacy.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017%20Grad%20info%20sheet.pdf>

**Application:** <https://az.gov/app/pharmacy/index.xhtml>

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- License Information: <https://pharmacy.az.gov/resources/license-permit-registration>
- Proof of legal US residency (birth certificate, passport, US Naturalization certificate) in addition to a state or federal issued photo ID such as a US passport or driver's license
  - Will not accept a US social security card
- 2 character vouchers signed by a preceptor or licensed pharmacist
- Submit final transcripts from college with date of graduation and degree conferred
- Proof of 1,500 intern training hours from state BOP or College of Pharmacy
  - Cannot be faxed or e-mailed
- Fingerprinting: <http://www.azdps.gov/services/fingerprint/>

**Cost of Licensure:**

- Applying by score transfer or full exam: \$50 application fee + \$10 relief certificate + Fingerprinting Clearance Card fee (\$65 for volunteers and \$67 for all others)
- Applying by reciprocity: \$300 application fee + \$10 relief certificate + Fingerprinting Clearance Card fee (\$65 for volunteers and \$67 for all others)

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every two years (minimum of 3 hours related to pharmacy law)
- If licensed less than 24 months, CE will be calculated at 1.25 hours CE times the number of months between initial licensure and next license renewal

**License Renewal:**

- Must be renewed by November 1<sup>st</sup> of even or odd year two years from the last renewal date
  - If your license number ends in an even number, then it expires during even years
  - If your license number ends in an odd number, then it expires in odd years
- Renewal fee: \$180

**MPJE Resources:**

- Rules & Statutes: <https://pharmacy.az.gov/resources/rules-statutes>
- Law and Public Policy Book: <https://azpharmacy.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=2819133>
- Arizona Pharmacy Association Federal & State Law Review Bundle:
  - <https://education.azpharmacy.org/index.cfm?pg=semwebCatalog&panel=showBundle&bundleid=145>
- Pharmacy Law Review at Midwestern University (Glendale, AZ)
  - Contact Vickie Stilwell ([vstilwell@midwestern.edu](mailto:vstilwell@midwestern.edu)) for more information



# Arkansas

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://pharmacyboard.arkansas.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**FAQ:** <http://pharmacyboard.arkansas.gov/faqs/Pages/default.aspx>

**Forms and Instructions:** <http://pharmacyboard.arkansas.gov/licenseeInfo/Pages/formsInstructions.aspx>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Successful completion of 2,000 hours of approved intern hours of experience
- Certification of Degree Conferral: to be completed by Dean or Registrar from College of Pharmacy (must be notarized)
- Passport-style photo taken within last 60 days
- Criminal Background Check Application and Fingerprint Card
- Copy of your driver's license or other picture identification
- Copy of your birth certificate
- Application must be notarized

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination: \$25 application fee + \$60 background check fee
- Licensure by Reciprocity:
  - If you will receive your license in an even numbered year: \$312.75 application fee + \$60 background check fee
  - If you will receive your license in an odd numbered year: \$237.75 application fee + \$60 background check fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every biennium
  - Minimum of 12 hours must be live CE concerning drug therapy or patient care
  - Minimum of 12 hours must be ACPE-accredited

## License Renewal:

- Expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of odd-numbered years
- Renewal fee : \$75

## Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam Resources:

- Arkansas does not recognize the MPJE. Instead, successful completion of the Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam is required for all applicants.
  - Students in Arkansas are required by the Arkansas Board of Pharmacy to pass the Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam at the end of Professional Year 3.
  - Exam information for reciprocity candidates is confirmed by email when a completed application is received by the board.
- Rules and Regulations: <http://pharmacyboard.arkansas.gov/licenseeInfo/Pages/lawBook.aspx>



# California

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/>

**Application:** [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/rph\\_app\\_pkt.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/rph_app_pkt.pdf)

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Flowchart: [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/naplex\\_flowchart.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/naplex_flowchart.pdf)
- Send official transcript to CA BOP, including degree and date of graduation
- Must document 1,500 intern hours or submit proof of licensure at least 1 year in another state
- Must provide a sealed, original Self-Query Report from the National Practitioner Data Bank Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (available at: <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov>).
- Attach a passport-style photo (2" x 2") taken within 60 days of filing the application
- Criminal background check & fingerprinting

**Cost of Licensure:** \$260 application fee + \$49 fingerprint card processing fee + \$33 CPJE administration fee + \$5 NPDB fee for Self-Query Report

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours (1.25 hours per month) of pharmacy-related, board-approved CE every 2 years
- All new licensees are exempt from earning CE their first renewal cycle

## License Renewal:

- Must be submitted no more than 60 days before expiration of license
- Renewal fee: \$372

## California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE) Resources:

- *California does not recognize the MPJE. Instead, to be licensed in California applicants are required to pass the CPJE.*
  - *Once the board determines you have met all the requirements and the application has been marked as complete, you will be sent an eligibility letter to sit for the CPJE.*
- Law Book: [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws\\_regs/lawbook.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/lawbook.pdf)
- Licensure Examination Info: [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/applicants/naplex\\_info.shtml](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/applicants/naplex_info.shtml)
- CPJE Info Bulletin: [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/phy\\_handbook\\_psi.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/phy_handbook_psi.pdf)
- CPJE Content Outline: [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/exam\\_outline\\_after0416.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/exam_outline_after0416.pdf)
- A Guide to California Community Pharmacy Law: <https://amzn.com/1495148505>
  - Note: The 9<sup>th</sup> Edition will be accompanied with a text containing 250 practice questions on pharmacy law.
- Memento RX: <http://www.mementorx.com/>
  - Spaced repetition flash cards and practice exams
  - Sign up to attend live review lectures by Dr. Fred Weissman
  - High yield lecture slides: <http://mementorx.com/mblog/product/cpje-weissman-lecture-slides-2/>



# Colorado

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Pharmacy>

**Applications:** [https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Pharmacy\\_Applications\\_Docs](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Pharmacy_Applications_Docs)

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Application Checklist: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzKoVwvexVATYlZFNgxUyIPQnM/view>
- Need at least one secure and verifiable document (driver's license, passport, etc.) and social security number
- Complete and return Affidavit of Eligibility form
- Provide an official transcript from College of Pharmacy
- Submit official verification of 1,500 intern hours or at least 1 year of practice as a pharmacist in another state (may be submitted by applicant, school, or state board of pharmacy)
- Provide official verification letter from each state, territory, or country where you are or have ever been licensed as a pharmacist
- Complete an online Healthcare Profession Profile at [www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/hppp](http://www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/hppp) once your application is received and entered into the database

**Cost of Licensure:** \$234 application fee (*subject to change July 1 of every year*)

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 24 hours of ACPE-approved CE every 2 years
- If a pharmacist obtains a license within one year of completion of pharmacy school, they are exempt from CE requirements for their first renewal period

**License Renewal:**

- Renew by October 31<sup>st</sup> of odd-numbered years, unless license was issued within last 120 days
- Renewal fee: \$183

**MPJE Resources:**

- Laws, Rules, and Policies: [https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Pharmacy\\_Laws](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Pharmacy_Laws)
- Study Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJZbN0VDRkxpZ1RsQTg/view>
- Colorado Law Review Course at Regis University and University of Colorado (Denver, CO)
  - Study materials and sample questions are available for purchase outside of the review course
  - Contact Dr. Gina Moore ([gina.moore@ucdenver.edu](mailto:gina.moore@ucdenver.edu)) or Dr. Leticia Smith ([Leticia.smith@dhha.org](mailto:Leticia.smith@dhha.org)) for more information



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# Connecticut

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**Commission of Pharmacy:** <http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=1620&Q=273844>

**Applications:** <http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=1620&q=514244>

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Verification of 1,500 intern hours from College of Pharmacy or state BOP where earned
- Recent passport-style photograph
- Affidavit of Educational Institution (to be completed by College of Pharmacy)

**Cost of Licensure:** \$200 application fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of board-approved CE every year
  - Minimum of 5 hours must be live CE
  - At least one hour on pharmacy or drug law
- CE requirements do not apply to a pharmacist applying for the first renewal of their license

**License Renewal:**

- License expires biennially
- Renewal fee: \$120

**MPJE Resources:**

- Comprehensive Drug Laws:
  - [http://www.ct.gov/dcp/lib/dcp/pdf/drug\\_control\\_pdf/drug\\_laws\\_4-15-14\\_web\\_june\\_2714.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/lib/dcp/pdf/drug_control_pdf/drug_laws_4-15-14_web_june_2714.pdf)
- MPJE Law Review Course at University of Connecticut (Storrs, Connecticut) in mid-to-late May every year



# Delaware

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/pharmacy/>

**FAQ:** <http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/pharmacy/faqs.shtml>

**Forms:** <http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/pharmacy/forms.shtml>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Certificate of Graduation form completed by College of Pharmacy and sent directly to BOP
- College Practical Experience or Affidavit of Internship Experience
  - 1,500 internship hours required
- Criminal background check
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$153 processing fee + \$69 background check fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 board-approved CE by September 30<sup>th</sup> of even numbered years biennial license period
  - At least 2 hours in medication safety/errors
- Persons who are newly licensed after the registration period begins must complete CE proportional to the total number of continuing education units required for the biennial licensure renewal (1.25 hours/per month)

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire on September 30<sup>th</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: *notified of fee at time of renewal*

## MPJE Resources:

- Code for Pharmacy: <http://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c025/index.shtml>
- Rules and Regulations: <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title24/2500.shtml>
- MPJE Study Material: [http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/pharmacy/documents/MPJE\\_Study\\_Material.pdf](http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/pharmacy/documents/MPJE_Study_Material.pdf)



# District of Columbia

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://doh.dc.gov/service/pharmacy-licensure>

**Applications:** <http://doh.dc.gov/node/157842>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- 2 identical passport-size photos with full name and license or SSN written on back of each photo
- Complete criminal background check
- Send official transcripts directly from College of Pharmacy to BOP
- Proof of successful completion of pharmacy internship which consists of:
  - i. 1,000 hours of pre-licensure professional practice in a program administered by a ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy; OR
  - ii. 1,500 hours of independent pre-licensure professional practice under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist; OR
  - iii. 2 rotations totaling 660 hours of i AND 510 hours of (ii)
- Additional 400 hours of independent pre-licensure practice in a pharmacy setting with emphasis on distribution of medicines and prescriptions

**Cost of Licensure:** \$85 application fee + \$195 license fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 40 hours of board-approved CE every 2 years
  - At least 2 hours in HIV training
  - At least 2 hours in medication/dispensing errors training
  - At least 10 hours of live CE
- CE Requirements do not apply to applicants for the first renewal of a license

## **License Renewal:**

- License expires on February 28<sup>th</sup> of odd-numbered years

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Laws and Regulations: <http://doh.dc.gov/node/157862>



# Florida

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://floridaspharmacy.gov/>

**General FAQ:** <http://floridaspharmacy.gov/general-faqs/>

**Applicant FAQ:** <http://floridaspharmacy.gov/applicant-faqs/>

**Applications:** <http://floridaspharmacy.gov/licensing/>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Must attach copy of social security card
- Complete a course on medication errors prior to licensure (available at: [www.CEBroker.com](http://www.CEBroker.com) )
- Submit a Certification of Graduation from your College of Pharmacy
  - If you received a BS or PharmD prior to 1/1/2001, you must additionally document the completion of 2080 hours of intern or work experience through the Internship or Work Experience Form
- Complete the Licensure Verification Form if you have been licensed in any other state

**Cost of Licensure:** \$295 application and licensure fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of ACPE-approved continuing education credit every 2 years
  - 10 hours must be from an approved live program
  - 2 hours must be from a Board-approved course on medication errors
  - 1 hour must be from a Board-approved AIDS/HIV course for the first renewal only
  - 2 hours must be from a Board-approved course on the validation of prescriptions for controlled substances
- For immunization-certified pharmacists, an additional 3-hour course on the safe and effective administration of vaccines

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire on September 30 on odd-numbered years
- Renewal Fee for active pharmacists is \$205

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Florida Statutes and Administrative Codes: <http://floridaspharmacy.gov/resources/>
- Online Review Course: <http://electives.distance.ufhealth.org/courses-2/non-credit-courses/florida-pharmacy-law-mpje-online-review-course/>
  - 6-hour course consisting of audio-recorded lectures, PowerPoint slides, and handouts.



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# Georgia

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://gbp.georgia.gov/>

**FAQ:** <https://gbp.georgia.gov/pharmacy-and-pharmacist-faqs>

**Applications and Forms:** <https://gbp.georgia.gov/documents/applications-and-forms>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Supplement Packet:
  - [https://gbp.georgia.gov/sites/gbp.georgia.gov/files/related\\_files/document/Pharmacist%20Online%20Application%20Supplement%20Packet.pdf](https://gbp.georgia.gov/sites/gbp.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/Pharmacist%20Online%20Application%20Supplement%20Packet.pdf)
- Verification of graduation from College of Pharmacy
- Verification of 1,500 internship hours
  - Will accept up to 1,000 school hours for candidates in a PharmD program
  - Need to be verified by state BOP where hours were earned
- Passport size photograph
- Need secure and verifiable form of identification (passport, US driver's license, etc.)
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$250 application/exam fee + \$50 wall certificate fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE required every biennial
- If licensed during June of odd year through July of even year, you must earn 15 hours of CE
- If licensed during last 6 months of renewal period, no CE required

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$200

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Laws, Policies, & Rules: <https://gbp.georgia.gov/laws-policies-rules>



# Hawaii

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/pharmacy/>

**Application:** [http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/06/copy\\_of\\_pvl\\_pharmacist\\_exam.pdf](http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/06/copy_of_pvl_pharmacist_exam.pdf)

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Verification of 1,500 practical experience hours as an intern or pharmacist
  - Verified by College of Pharmacy or state BOP where hours were earned
- Certified transcript from College of Pharmacy

**Cost of Licensure:** \$50 application fee + license fee (\$165 in even-numbered years, \$70 in odd-numbered years)

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every December 31<sup>st</sup> of odd numbered years (every 2 years)
- A licensee who has graduated from an accredited pharmacy school within one year of the licensee's first license renewal period should be subject to any CE requirements
- If certified to administer immunizations, you shall complete a training program every other biennial

**License Renewal:**

- All licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of odd-numbered years

**MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes and Rules: [http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/pharmacy/statute\\_rules/](http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/pharmacy/statute_rules/)



# Idaho

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://bop.idaho.gov/>

**Applications:** <http://bop.idaho.gov/licensing/pharmacists.html>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Submit fingerprint for Idaho and FBI criminal background check. Request packet by sending your name and mailing address to [info@bop.idaho.gov](mailto:info@bop.idaho.gov)
- Notarized letter of recommendation from a reputable licensed pharmacist
- Certificate of moral character from 2 reputable business people
- Include 3" x 3" photo, bust only, taken within the last year, must be notarized
- Submit transcript to Board from College of Pharmacy
- Completed Idaho Pharmacist Controlled Substances Application

**Cost of Licensure:** \$100 application fee + \$60 controlled substance registration fee + \$32 background check/fingerprint processing fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- Must obtain 15 hours every year
  - Minimum 12 hours must be ACPE-approved or CME-approved programs
  - 1 hour must be from Board-approved pharmacy law programs
  - Maximum 3 hours may be non-ACPE approved programs
  - 3 hours must be live attendance programs
  - 1 hour on education related to sterile compounding
- If immunization-certified, must get 1 hour on vaccines/immunizations/administration

## **License Renewal:**

- License expires June 30<sup>th</sup> every year
- Renewal fee: \$90

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Pharmacy Code & Administrative Rules: [http://www.bop.idaho.gov/code\\_rules/](http://www.bop.idaho.gov/code_rules/)
- Law Book: [http://bop.idaho.gov/code\\_rules/2016-05-03\\_LawBook\\_2016\\_Rules\\_with\\_2015\\_Code.pdf](http://bop.idaho.gov/code_rules/2016-05-03_LawBook_2016_Rules_with_2015_Code.pdf)
- Idaho Pharmacy Law CE Handout: <https://pharmacy.isu.edu/ce/handouts/ho/MJ%20Law%20Print.pdf>
- MPJE Review Course at Idaho State University (Meridian, ID) in May
  - Simulcast to Pocatello, ID
  - Contact Dr. Alex Adams ([alex.adams@bop.idaho.gov](mailto:alex.adams@bop.idaho.gov)) for more information



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# Illinois

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**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation:** <http://www.idfpr.com/profs/pharm.asp>

**Applications and Forms:** *See IDFPR website (link above)*

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Certification of Education (ED-PHM) must be completed by the Dean of College of Pharmacy
- Health Care Workers Charged With or Convicted of Criminal Acts (CCA) must be submitted
- Official transcripts sent directly from College of Pharmacy
- 1,500 internship hours required
- Supporting document Certification by Licensing Agency/Board (CT) must be submitted

**Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination: \$75 processing fee + \$98 application fee
- Licensure by Endorsement: \$75 processing fee + \$200 application fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of ACPE-accredited CE every 2 years
- No CE required for 1<sup>st</sup> renewal after original licensure

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire on March 31<sup>st</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$75 per year

**MPJE Resources:**

- Laws and Rules: *See IDFPR website* (<http://www.idfpr.com/profs/pharm.asp>)
- MPJE/Law Review Session at Midwestern University, University of Illinois-Chicago, and Rosalind Franklin University (Chicago, Illinois) in May
  - Study material available for purchase if unable to attend
  - Contact Ed Rickert ([pharmacylawexam@gmail.com](mailto:pharmacylawexam@gmail.com)) for more information



# Indiana

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.in.gov/pla/pharmacy.htm>

**Application:** <http://www.in.gov/pla/2965.htm>

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Passport quality photograph 2.5" x 3.5"
- 1,500 internship hours required
- Certification of completion of pharmacy education from College of Pharmacy
- Criminal background check (instructions: <http://www.in.gov/pla/3241.htm> )

**Cost of Licensure:** \$100 application fee + \$36.45 background check fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of Board-approved continuing education every 2 years (January 1<sup>st</sup> of even year-December 31<sup>st</sup> of odd year before renewal date)
  - Minimum of 24 hours must be pharmacy-related
  - Maximum of 6 hours can be business, management, or computer-related
  - At least half (15 hours) must be ACPE-approved
- If licensed more than 6 months, 1.25 hours of CE required for every month licenses
- If licensed less than 6 months, no CE required

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$160

**MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes & Rules: <http://www.in.gov/pla/2545.htm>
- Law Review through IPA in spring
- Book on Indiana Pharmacy Law: *The Indiana State Pharmacy Law Guide 2016*, at: <https://squareup.com/market/pharmllc/item/instant-download-the-indiana-state-pharmacy-law-guide?t=modal-tw>



# Iowa

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/>

**FAQ:** <https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/faqs>

**Application Forms:** <https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/application-forms>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- College of Pharmacy Certification form completed by Dean of College of Pharmacy
- Proof of 1,500 internship hours
  - If hours obtained in another state, need verification from your state BOP
- One passport-style photo taken within the last 6 months
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$252 application fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

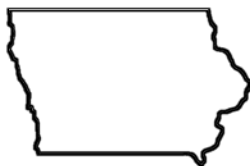
- 30 hours of board-approved CE every renewal period
  - “Renewal Period” means the 27-month period commencing April 1 prior to the previous license expiration and ending June 30, the date of current license expiration
  - At least 15 hours of CE in courses dealing with drug therapy
  - At least 2 hours in pharmacy law
  - At least 2 hours in medication/patient safety
  - Maximum of 13 hours from non-ACPE-accredited providers
- New pharmacists obtaining license by examination or score transfer in Iowa are exempt from continuing education requirements for their first license renewal
- If you regularly provide primary healthcare to children, you need 2 hours of child abuse identification and reporting every 5 years
- If you regularly provide primary healthcare to adults, you need 2 hours of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting every 5 years

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire on the second June 30<sup>th</sup> following the date of issuance of the license
- A new pharmacist license issued between April 1<sup>st</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> shall expire on the third June 30<sup>th</sup> following the date of issuance
- Renewal fee: \$180

## MPJE Resources:

- Rules/Laws: <https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/ruleslaws>



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# Kansas

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://pharmacy.ks.gov/>

**FAQ:** <https://pharmacy.ks.gov/resources-consumer-info/faq>

**Applications and Forms:** <https://pharmacy.ks.gov/licensing-registration/pharmacists2>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Instructions:
  - <https://pharmacy.ks.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/license-examination-instructions.pdf?sfvrsn=0>
- Minimum of one year of pharmaceutical experience or 1,500 internship hours
  - Must be transferred to Kansas BOP from BOP in state where earned
- Certificate of Graduation signed by Dean or Registrar
- Photo taken within last 60 days
- Background check and fingerprint card
- Application must be notarized

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination/Score Transfer: \$40 application fee + \$47 background check/fingerprinting fee (if not previously fingerprinted)
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$64 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE by June 30<sup>th</sup> during each licensure period (every 2 years)
- New graduates get reduced CE requirements (will be given to you in your original licensure letter)

## **License Renewal:**

- Renewal period: May 15-June 30 every 2 years
- Renewal fee: \$120

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes and Regulations: <http://www.pharmacy.ks.gov/statutes-regs>
- Law Review on flash drive: \$40
  - Includes outlines, study guides, practice exam questions, and additional resources
  - Contact Barb Woods ([bwoods@ku.edu](mailto:bwoods@ku.edu)) for more information



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# Kentucky

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.pharmacy.ky.gov/>

**FAQ:** <http://pharmacy.ky.gov/Pages/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>

**Applications:** <http://pharmacy.ky.gov/professionals/Pages/Pharmacists.aspx>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Passport-sized photo from shoulders up
- Certificate of Moral Character must be signed by person of good standing in community
- Certificate of College Graduation must be executed by Dean of College of Pharmacy
- Certificate of Intern Hours must be completed by College of Pharmacy or State BOP
- Criminal Background Check required
  - <http://pharmacy.ky.gov/professionals/Initial%20Pharmacist%20Licensure/Background%20Check%20Instructions.pdf>
- Certificate of Completion of 0.1 CEU on approved HIV/AIDS CE

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination: \$150 application fee + \$25 fee for National Practitioner Data Bank Query + \$32 fee for background check
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$250 application fee + \$25 fee for National Practitioner Data Bank Query + \$32 fee for background check

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 15 hours of CE every year (obtained between January 1-December 31)
  - 1 hour of HIV/AIDS CE is required to have been completed within the last 10 years
- If first licensed within 12 months immediately preceding renewal date, exempt from CE requirements

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire February 28<sup>th</sup> of every year, renew January 1-March 15 online
- Renewal fee: \$80

## MPJE Resources:

- Law Book: <http://pharmacy.ky.gov/Businesses/Documents/Kentucky%20Pharmacy%20Lawbook.pdf>
- Kentucky Pharmacy Law and Calculations Review at University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY) annually in April
  - Register: <http://www.cecentral.com/>
- MPJE Review Packet available: contact Dr. Anthony Tagavi ([atagavi@sullivan.edu](mailto:atagavi@sullivan.edu))
- Kentucky Law Review at Centenary United Methodist Church (Lexington, KY) annually in May
  - Includes written review & practice exam for attendees
    - Materials available for purchase to others after review session takes place
  - Contact Peter Cohron ([petercohron@gmail.com](mailto:petercohron@gmail.com)) for more information



# Louisiana

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.pharmacy.la.gov/>

**Forms & Applications:**

<http://www.pharmacy.la.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=261>

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Certificate of Graduation submitted by Dean of College of Pharmacy
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of social security card
- 1,500 internship hours
  - 1,000 hours can come from education (marked on Certificate of Graduation)
  - 500 hours must be earned in a licensed pharmacy separate from an academic program
    - Document on Pharmacist's Affidavit form
- Passport-style (2" x 2") photo taken within the last 6 months
- Criminal background check
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination or Score Transfer: \$300
- License Transfer (Reciprocity): \$450

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of pharmacist-specific ACPE-accredited CE by December 31<sup>st</sup> every year
  - At least 3 hours of live CE
- Alternative option: 20 hours of pharmacist-specific ACPE-accredited CE every year with less than 3 hours earned via live CE
- Exempt from CE requirements for first renewal of license

**License Renewal:**

- Annual renewal at a date designed by the board
- Renewal fee: \$350

**MPJE Resources:**

- FYI: *Louisiana is the only state in the U.S. practicing Civil Law (vs. Common Law in Indiana)*
- Laws & Rules: <http://www.lap.com/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=308&pnid=0&nid=58>
- Law Review at Centenary College (Shreveport, LA) annually in May
  - For more info: <http://www.lapharmlaw.com/services.html>



# Maine

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/pharmacy/>

**FAQ:** <http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/pharmacy/faq.html>

**Applications & Forms:** <http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/pharmacy/forms.html>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Proof of 1,500 internship hours from a College of Pharmacy or state BOP where earned
  - Signed affidavits from preceptors, evidence from College of Pharmacy, or certification by state pharmacy licensing board where hours were reported
- Official transcripts of your pharmacy degree from College of Pharmacy
- Photocopy of your official birth certificate
- Certificate of moral character
- Initial each page of your application where noted
- Certificate of Administration of Drugs and Vaccines
  - Includes evidence of CPR training

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination/Score Transfer: \$96 application fee + \$20 certificate of administration of drugs and immunizations fee
- Licensure by Reciprocity/Endorsement: \$121 + \$20 certificate of administration of drugs and immunizations fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 15 hours of board-approved CE every year
  - At least 2 hours of board-approved CE on drug administration if immunization-certified
- If newly licensed, you must earn 1.25 hours of CE per month from initial licensure until December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year

## License Renewal:

- Expires annually on December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$75 (license) + \$10 (certificate of administration of drugs and immunizations)

## MPJE Resources:

- Laws & Rules: <http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/pharmacy/laws.html>
- Contact Greg Cameron ([camerong@husson.edu](mailto:camerong@husson.edu)) for information about a Law Review Session



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# Maryland

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy/Pages/index.aspx>

**FAQ:** <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy/Pages/faqs.aspx>

**Forms:** <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy/Pages/pharmacistforms.aspx>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Successful completion of Oral English Competency Exam ([www.berlitz.us](http://www.berlitz.us))
- Photo of your face, taken within 180 days of submitting application
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate or other proof of Birth Date
- Pharmacy School Affidavit
- Notarized Pharmacy Experience Affidavit
- Verification of internship Hours by Appropriate State Board (1,000 hours required)
- Received the proper training on the administration of self-administered drugs

## Cost of Licensure:

- New Pharmacist: \$150 application fee
- Licensure Reciprocity: \$300 application fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours every 2 years
  - 2 CEs must be live CE credits, may come from a board of pharmacy public meeting, but no more than 4 hours
  - 1 CE must be on preventing medication errors
  - Must obtain 30 hours of continuing education in Board-approved programs by the last day of birth month prior to obtaining renewal.
- A pharmacist's license may be renewed for the first time without any CE credits, if the original license was obtained within one year of graduation

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire every 2 years
- Renewal fee: \$261

## MPJE Resources:

- Laws, Regulation, Legislation, Reports:
  - <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy/Pages/laws-regulation-legislation-reports.aspx>
- Law Book Request Form:
  - <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy/docs/BOP-Forms/APPS/Law%20Book%20Order%20Form.pdf>
- Law Book for State of MD – Student Pharmacists (Unlicensed):
  - <https://mpha.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=3226050>
- University of Maryland Resources: <http://guides.hshsl.umaryland.edu/pharmacy/rxlaw>
- Law Review at University of Maryland (College Park, MD):
  - <http://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/about/offices/academics/naplexmpje/>



# Massachusetts

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/pharmacy/>

**Applications:** <https://www.pcshq.com/?page=health,pi-uapplicationprocessuclickhereforapplicat>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Verification of Graduation form to be completed by registrar from ACPE accredited and board approved College of Pharmacy
- Copy or birth certificate, driver's license, or valid passport
- 2"x 2" passport-sized photo signed by applicant
- 1,500 internship hours required (if you graduated from ACPE-accredited school you have satisfied 1,500 hours requirement)
- Application must be notarized

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination: \$421
- Licensure by Score Transfer: \$375
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$525 (first-time applicant for MPJE) or \$75 (re-examination applicant for MPJE)

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every biennial renewal period (15 hours every year)
  - At least 2 hours must be on pharmacy law
  - No more than 10 hours can be acquired through home study
- No CE requirements in the calendar year in which the registrant has graduated from College of Pharmacy

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$150

## MPJE Resources:

- MPJE Packet: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/quality/boards/pharmacy/pharmacy-mpje-packet.pdf>
- Review Session at Western New England University (Springfield, MA) in May
  - Enrollees in MPJE Law Review session are granted access to MPJE Law Review webpages on University's learning management system
  - Contact Dr. Beth Welch ([bwelch1@wne.edu](mailto:bwelch1@wne.edu)) for more information
- Review Sessions held in Boston, MA and Worcester, MA annually in May
  - Contact Fred Frankhauser ([Fred.Frankhauser@mcphs.edu](mailto:Fred.Frankhauser@mcphs.edu)) for more information



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# Michigan

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.michigan.gov/lara/>

**Application:** [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Pharmacist\\_Examination\\_460974\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Pharmacist_Examination_460974_7.pdf)

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Licensing Guide: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Pharmacy\\_517658\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Pharmacy_517658_7.pdf)
- Criminal Background Check/Fingerprinting (7-10 days after application submission)
- Certificate of Pharmacy Education mailed directly from College of Pharmacy to MI BOP
- Internship Training Affidavit form (if intern hours were gained in Michigan)
  - Hours gained in other states must be reported directly from Board of Pharmacy in state where intern hours were obtained (1,600 hours required)
- Apply separately for controlled substance license
  - [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/lara\\_pharm\\_cs\\_app\\_0314\\_450189\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/lara_pharm_cs_app_0314_450189_7.pdf)

**Cost of Licensure:** \$60.60 application fee + \$62.75 fingerprint fee (if outside MI) + \$85.85 for controlled substance license for one year

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- Not required for first renewal
- 30 hours of board-approved CE every 2 years
  - At least 1 hour in pain and symptom management CE
  - Minimum 10 hours of live CE
  - Can't earn more than 12 hours of CE in one day
- All licensed health professionals must complete training related to identifying victims of human trafficking

## License Renewal:

- Initial license will expire on upcoming June 30<sup>th</sup> renewal date. Each subsequent license will cover a full two-year cycle
- Renewal fee: \$70

## MPJE Resources:

- Law: [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299\\_63294\\_63303\\_55478\\_55483--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299_63294_63303_55478_55483--,00.html)
- Law book and other study materials available on Professor Jessie Vivian's website
- Pharmacy Law Review Book: <http://www.mipharmacylawreview.com/>
- Law Review Session at Wayne University (Detroit, MI) in May
  - Law Book and other study materials: <http://www.jessevivian.org/>
  - Contact Jesse Vivian ([jessevivian@wayne.edu](mailto:jessevivian@wayne.edu)) for more information
- Law Review Session at Ferris State University (Big Rapids, MI)
  - Law outline/study guide provided
  - Contact Dr. Rose Baran ([RoseBaran@ferris.edu](mailto:RoseBaran@ferris.edu)) for more information



# Minnesota

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/pharmacy/>

**FAQ:** <http://mn.gov/boards/pharmacy/resourcesfaqs/faqs/generalfaqs.jsp>

**Applications:** <http://mn.gov/boards/pharmacy/licenseregistration/newpharmacist.jsp>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Information: [http://mn.gov/boards/assets/New%20pharmacist%20information\\_tcm21-29309.pdf](http://mn.gov/boards/assets/New%20pharmacist%20information_tcm21-29309.pdf)
- Internship Affidavit (1,600 hours of internship experience required in P4 year)
  - 800 hours need to be dispensing
  - If gained outside of Minnesota, need to be verified by state Board of Pharmacy where they were completed
- Official college transcript directly from College of Pharmacy
- Internship Competency Manual
- Moral Turpitude statement
- Official Birth Certificate (or notarized copy)
- Portrait/Business type wallet size photo

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination: \$145 application fee + \$145 original licensure fee
- Licensure by Transfer/Reciprocity: \$240 application fee + \$145 original licensure fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours of board-approved CE by September 30<sup>th</sup> of even-numbered years

## License Renewal:

- License expires on March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; renewal app due by February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$105

## MPJE Resources:

- Laws/Rules/Guidelines: <http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/pharmacy/statutes/>
- Law Review: [http://mn.gov/boards/assets/LAW%20REVIEW%202016%20\(4.11.16\)\\_tcm21-29491.pdf](http://mn.gov/boards/assets/LAW%20REVIEW%202016%20(4.11.16)_tcm21-29491.pdf)



# Mississippi

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.mbp.state.ms.us/mbop/pharmacy.nsf>

**FAQ:** [http://www.mbp.state.ms.us/mbop/Pharmacy.nsf/webpages/FAQLN\\_FAQPage?OpenDocument](http://www.mbp.state.ms.us/mbop/Pharmacy.nsf/webpages/FAQLN_FAQPage?OpenDocument)

**Application:**

- [http://www.mbp.state.ms.us/mbop/Pharmacy.nsf/webpageedit/apLN\\_apPage\\_ipSub/\\$FILE/Initial%20Pharmacist%20after%20move.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.mbp.state.ms.us/mbop/Pharmacy.nsf/webpageedit/apLN_apPage_ipSub/$FILE/Initial%20Pharmacist%20after%20move.pdf?OpenElement)

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- College of Pharmacy needs to submit letter to MS BOP certifying your graduation and confirming degree received
- Must have 1,600 internship hours certified by BOP where hours earned
- Passport-quality photo
- Affidavit questionnaire
- Criminal background check and fingerprinting required
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:**

- Initial Pharmacist License: \$100 license fee + \$50 controlled substance fee (if applicable) + \$40 background check fee
- Preliminary Application for License Transfer: \$200 license fee + \$50 controlled substance fee (if applicable) + \$40 background check fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 10 hours of board-approved CE required by December 31<sup>st</sup> every year
- Newly-licensed pharmacists required to attend Mississippi Association of Recovering Pharmacists seminar (minimum of 6 hours of CE) once during first 5 years of licensure

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses are renewed annually; application due December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$105

**MPJE Resources:**

- Regulations: [http://www.mbp.state.ms.us/mbop/Pharmacy.nsf/webpages/RegulationsLN\\_regdb?OpenDocument](http://www.mbp.state.ms.us/mbop/Pharmacy.nsf/webpages/RegulationsLN_regdb?OpenDocument)



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# Missouri

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://pr.mo.gov/pharmacists.asp>

**FAQ:** <http://pr.mo.gov/boards/pharmacy/Pharmacist%20Licensing%20FAQ.pdf>

**Applications and Forms:** <http://pr.mo.gov/pharmacists-forms.asp>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Criminal Background Check & Fingerprinting required (instructions on application)
  - Fingerprinting receipt must be submitted with application
- 2" x 2" photo (*head and shoulders only*)
- Pharmacy College Affidavit completed by College of Pharmacy
- Proof of Intern Hours (1,500 hours required)
  - Must be certified by state Board of Pharmacy in the state where the hours were earned
- Application must be notarized

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination: \$150 application fee
- Licensure by Transfer (Reciprocity): \$375 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE required every 2 years (must be earned between November 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior renewal year and October 31<sup>st</sup> of the current renewal year)
- Pharmacists licensed on or after November 1<sup>st</sup> of odd-numbered years are required to renew, but are exempt from CE requirements for that renewal cycle

## **License Renewal:**

- Online License Renewal: <https://renew.pr.mo.gov/renew-default.asp>
- Licenses must be renewed biennially in even numbered years
  - Must file application for renewal within 30 days before the license expiration date
- Renewal fee: \$200

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Rules and Statutes: <http://pr.mo.gov/pharmacists-rules-statutes.asp>
- MPJE Information & Fact Sheet: <http://pr.mo.gov/boards/pharmacy/notcovered.pdf>
- 2014 MO Practice Guide: <http://pr.mo.gov/boards/pharmacy/practiceguide.pdf>
- Missouri Pharmacy Technician Regulatory Quiz: <https://renew.pr.mo.gov/pharmacistsquiz-step1-pin.asp>



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# Montana

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**Board of Pharmacy:** [http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd\\_boards/pha\\_board/board\\_page.asp](http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/pha_board/board_page.asp)

**Application:** [http://b.bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd\\_boards/pha\\_board/pdf/pharmacist\\_app.pdf](http://b.bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/pha_board/pdf/pharmacist_app.pdf)

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Graduated from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy
- 1,500 documented internship hours
- Certificate of Pharmacy Education completed by President, Dean, or Registrar of College of Pharmacy
- Verification of Licensure for all professional licenses held
- Passport-style photo

**Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination: \$120 application fee + \$35 NAPLEX fee + \$25 MPJE fee
- Licensure by Transfer/Credentialing: \$300 + \$25 MPJE fee
- \$25 Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of CE required by June 30<sup>th</sup> annually if at least 5 hours obtained in an approved group program; OR
- 20 hours of CE required annually if less than 5 hours obtained in an approved group program
- Annual CE requirement does not apply to a pharmacist applying as a new grad for their first license renewal

**License Renewal:**

- Annual renewal between May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$55

**MPJE Resources:**

- Rules and Statutes: See “Regulations” tab on Montana Board of Pharmacy Website



# Nebraska

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crlPharmHome.aspx>

**Applications:** <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crlPharmAppProcReqs.aspx>

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Proof of citizenship and/or lawful presence: copy of US passport, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, etc.
- Proof of age: copy of driver's license, birth certificate, school transcript, etc.
- Proof of pharmacy education: official documentation from college of pharmacy
  - Can fill out Certificate of Education or can send official transcript
  - Need to arrive in a sealed college envelope

**Cost of Licensure:** \$178 licensure fee (*\$44.50 if applying Jul-Dec of odd-numbered year*)

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE required by January 1<sup>st</sup> of even numbered years (every 2 years)
- CE requirements waived if applicant has first been licensed in Nebraska in preceding 24 months immediately preceding renewal date

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire January 1<sup>st</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$178

**MPJE Resources:**

- Regulations and Statutes: [http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl\\_medical\\_pharm\\_pharmlic\\_regs.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_medical_pharm_pharmlic_regs.aspx)
- Nebraska Pharmacy Law Manual & MPJE Review: [http://www.npharm.org/store\\_home.asp](http://www.npharm.org/store_home.asp)



# Nevada

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://bop.nv.gov/>

**FAQ:** <http://bop.nv.gov/resources/ALL/FAQ/>

**Applications:** <http://bop.nv.gov/services/newapps/Pharmacist/Intern/>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Minimum of 1,740 internship hours required before licensure
  - Verification must come directly from state BOP where hours were accrued
- Transcripts from College of Pharmacy conferring your pharmacy degree

**Cost of Licensure:** \$330 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

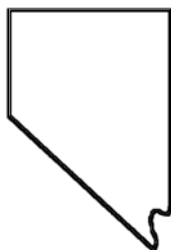
- 30 hours of CE completed by October 31<sup>st</sup> of odd numbered years
- Required CE hours are calculated at a rate of 1.25 hours per month
  - Cycle runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> of one odd year to October 31<sup>st</sup> of the following odd year
- All pharmacists are required to obtain 1 hour of board-approved law CE before renewal
  - Attend live program given by BOP
  - Attend one full-day BOP meeting
- Exempt from CE requirements only for first 2 years after graduation

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire on October 31<sup>st</sup> of odd-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$180

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes and Regulations: <http://bop.nv.gov/board/ALL/Regulations/>
- Law Book: [http://bop.nv.gov/services/Law\\_Book/](http://bop.nv.gov/services/Law_Book/)
  - Provide information and the Board of Pharmacy provides law book
  - A \$25 fee may apply prior to receiving the law book
- Teleconference offered 4 times a year (Spring & Fall) through Roseman University
  - Contact: Stephanie Nesi (snesi@roseman.edu)



# New Hampshire

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.oplc.nh.gov/pharmacy/index.htm>

**FAQ:** <http://www.oplc.nh.gov/faq/index.htm>

**Applicant Information:** <http://www.oplc.nh.gov/pharmacy/pharmacist-license.htm>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Recent, passport-style photo, no larger than 3"x5"
- Copy of birth certificate
- Documentation of Internship Hours (1,500 hours required)
  - Can be reported from College of Pharmacy on Certificate of Pharmacy Education or by preceptor on New Hampshire Internship/Preceptor Record Form or directly from Board of Pharmacy where earned
- Official, finalized transcript directly from College of Pharmacy
- Certificate of Moral Character (need 3 references)
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$265 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of board-approved CE by January 1st every year
  - At least 5 hours of live CE
- Exempt from CE requirements for first renewal period after original licensure

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire annually on December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Renewal fee:
  - Pharmacist License Without Immunization Endorsement: \$125
  - Pharmacist License With Immunization Endorsement: \$135

## **MPJE Resources:**

- NAPLEX/MPJE Study Materials: [http://www.nh.gov/pharmacy/pharmacists/study\\_guide.htm](http://www.nh.gov/pharmacy/pharmacists/study_guide.htm)



# New Jersey

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/phar>

**FAQ:** <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/phar/Pages/FAQ.aspx>

**Applications and Forms:** <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/phar/Pages/applications.aspx>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Top Tips for License Applicants: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Documents/Top-Tips-for-License-Applicants.pdf>
- 1,440 internship hours required (can all come from curriculum)
- Legible copy of birth certificate
- 2" x 2" passport-style photo, taken within last 6 months
- Official transcript from College of Pharmacy sent directly to BOP
- Criminal Background Check required
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$125 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every 2 years (May 1 –April 30)
  - 10 hours must be live CE
  - 3 hours must be CE on pharmacy law
  - If immunization-certified, 2 hours must be on immunization training
- No CE requirements for initial renewal of a license

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire every 2 years
- Renewal fee: \$140

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes and Regulations: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/phar/Pages/regulations.aspx>
- Law Lecture Notes: [http://pharmacyboardreview.com/Lecture%20Notes/Lecture\\_notes.html](http://pharmacyboardreview.com/Lecture%20Notes/Lecture_notes.html)
- MPJE Made Easy Preparatory Exam: <http://www.mpjemadeeasy.com/index.asp>



# New Mexico

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Pharmacy.aspx>

**FAQ:** [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Pharmacy\\_FAQs.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Pharmacy_FAQs.aspx)

**Forms and Applications:** [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Pharmacy\\_Forms\\_and\\_Applications.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Pharmacy_Forms_and_Applications.aspx)

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Recent 3" x 4" photo taken within 30 days
- Complete affidavit: [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/Pharmacist%20Affidavit\(2\).pdf](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/Pharmacist%20Affidavit(2).pdf)
  - Must be signed by witness
- 2,150 internship hours required
  - Maximum of 1,500 through academic extern program
  - Verified by College of Pharmacy or from state BOP where hours were earned
- Attach school transcripts
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$200 licensure fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

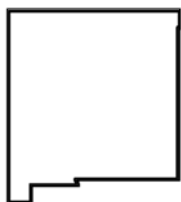
- 30 hours of board-approved CE every 2 years
  - 2 hours of CE on pharmacy law (live law update required if in-state)
  - 20 hours of live CE (excluding law update)
  - 2 hour of CE on opioid patient safety if have controlled substance registration

## License Renewal:

- Renewal fee: \$200
- Licenses expire every 2 years on last day of his/her birth month

## MPJE Resources:

- Rules and Laws: [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Pharmacy\\_Rules\\_and\\_Laws.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Pharmacy_Rules_and_Laws.aspx)
- MPJE Study Guide:
  - [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/ca24a3ff161546729608d31d32804889/Study\\_Guide\\_for\\_MPJE\\_2.pdf](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/ca24a3ff161546729608d31d32804889/Study_Guide_for_MPJE_2.pdf)



# New York

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**Board of Pharmacy:** [www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm](http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm)

**FAQ:** <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharmfaqs.htm>

**Application:** <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharm1.pdf>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Additional info: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharmlic.htm>
- Certification of Professional Education (<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharm2.pdf>)
  - Section I to be completed by applicant
  - Section II to be completed and submitted by College of Pharmacy
- In addition to the NAPLEX and MPJE, you must pass a Written and Practical (Compounding) Exam OR complete Certification of Completion of Pharmacy Practice Residency Competency
- 1040 internship hours if ACPE or CCAPP accredited program
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$339 licensure fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 45 years of CE required every 3 years (1.25 hours for every month of registration period)
  - At least 3 hours on reducing medication and prescription errors
  - 23 hours must be live CE (at least half of total hours)
- No exemption for newly licensed pharmacists

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire every 3 years
- Renewal fee: \$155

## MPJE Resources:

- Laws, Rules, and Regulations: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharm-mpjestudy.htm>
- Pharmacy Law Simplified Book: <http://www.amazon.com/Pharmacy-Simplified-York-Study-Guide/dp/0615945023>
- Pharmacy Board Review at Long Island University: <http://pharmacyboardreview.com/index.html>
- Professional Practice Review Series at University of Buffalo:
  - <https://pharmacy.buffalo.edu/news-events/events/annual-events/2016-pharmacy-professional-practice-review-series.html>
- MPJE Review at Albany College of Pharmacy held in May



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# North Carolina

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.ncbop.org/>

**FAQ:** [http://www.ncbop.org/faqs/Pharmacist/faq\\_pharmacistsHome.htm](http://www.ncbop.org/faqs/Pharmacist/faq_pharmacistsHome.htm)

**Forms, Applications, and Instructions:** [http://www.ncbop.org/pharmacists\\_forms.htm](http://www.ncbop.org/pharmacists_forms.htm)

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Passport-style, color photo, taken within last 6 months
- Certificate of Graduation completed at a school or College of Pharmacy
- Copy of applicant's birth certificate
- Certification of Intern Hours (1,500 hours required) filled out by preceptor:
  - Needs to be filed within 30 days of completion of pharmacy school

**Cost of Licensure:** \$100 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

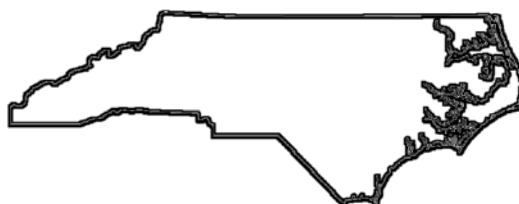
- 15 hours of CE required every year
  - At least 5 hours must be live CE
- Pharmacists who were licensed by exam are not required to have CE for their 1<sup>st</sup> renewal

## **License Renewal:**

- Renewal season is between November 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup> every year
- Renewal fee: \$135

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Rules, Statutes, and Board Policies: <http://www.ncbop.org/lawandrules.htm>
- NCAP QA/Pharmacy Law Online Course: <http://www.ncpharmacists.org/content.asp?contentid=162>
- Book: *Pharmacy Law Simplified North Carolina MPJE Study Guide for 2017-18*:  
<http://amzn.to/2udF2RW>
- Live Review Courses offered annually in May and June
  - Locations: Wingate University (Wingate, NC), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC), and Campbell University (Buies Creek, NC)
  - Contact Tom Thutt ([trthutt@gmail.com](mailto:trthutt@gmail.com)) for more information



# North Dakota

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://www.nodakpharmacy.com/>

**Applications and Forms:** <https://www.nodakpharmacy.com/apps-forms.asp>

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Licensure Steps: <https://www.nodakpharmacy.com/pdfs/pharmacistLicensureSteps.pdf>
- Proof of completion of an accredited pharmacy program
- Proof of completion of 1,500 externship hours
- Recent 2" x 3" photo
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$100 application fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of board-approved CE every year
- CE requirement do not apply to first renewal of original licensure

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire annually on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$100

**MPJE Resources:**

- Laws/Rules: <https://www.nodakpharmacy.com/laws-rules.asp>



# Ohio

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/>

**FAQ:** <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FAQ/Pharmacists.aspx>

**Applications and Forms:** <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/Pharmacist.aspx>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Criminal Background Check required
- Head and shoulders photo taken within last 6 months with name/date printed on back
- Certificate of Pharmacy Education (letter of graduation from College of Pharmacy)
  - 1,500 internship hours required
- Application must be notarized

## **Cost of Licensure:**

*If you are a veteran (including active duty) or the spouse/partner of an active duty veteran, please see form [0201-V](#) for a fee waiver.*

- Licensure by Examination: \$110 application fee
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$337.50 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 60 hours of approved CE by September 30<sup>th</sup> every 3 years
  - At least 3 hours on jurisprudence
  - At least 2 hours on medication errors/patient safety

## **License Renewal:**

- Must be renewed each year prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$97.50

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Laws and Rules: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LawsRules/General.aspx>
- Pharmacy Law Exam Study Materials:
  - <http://www.pharmacyeducationunlimited.com/ohio-pharmacy-law-exam-study-materials.html>
- MPJE Prep Course at Northeast Ohio Medical University:
  - [https://docs.google.com/a/butler.edu/forms/d/1QqF3Y94lSx\\_5spiAqKeNl3d\\_qrR8l0pfMWBPRnpMj-o/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/butler.edu/forms/d/1QqF3Y94lSx_5spiAqKeNl3d_qrR8l0pfMWBPRnpMj-o/viewform)



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# Oklahoma

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.ok.gov/pharmacy/>

**FAQ:** <https://www.ok.gov/pharmacy/Resources/FAQ/index.html>

**Applications:** <https://www.ok.gov/pharmacy/Licensees & Applicants/Forms & Applications/Pharmacists/index.html>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Completion of 1,500 hours of pharmacy practice training
  - May be transferred from another state BOP
- Affidavit verifying lawful presence in the US
- Official transcript with date of degree posted
- Candidates that have not previously appeared before the BOP for a licensing interview will be scheduled for an interview
- Complete an Oklahoma Application for Doctor of Pharmacy Certificate—not available online, must contact the board for an application

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination: \$125 application fee
- Licensure by Score Transfer/Reciprocity: \$200 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

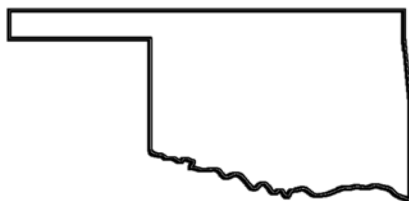
- 15 hours of board-approved CE every calendar year
- New graduates are not exempt from reporting CE

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire annually on last day of applicant's birth month
- Renewal fee: \$100

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Laws and Rules: <https://www.ok.gov/pharmacy/Laws & Rules/index.html>



# Oregon

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.oregon.gov/Pharmacy/Pages/index.aspx>

**FAQ:** <http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx>

**Forms:** <http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/Licensing.aspx>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Licensing Procedures: [http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Imports/NAPLEX\\_MPJEInstructions.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Imports/NAPLEX_MPJEInstructions.pdf)
- Passport/Visa style photo taken within last 6 months (2"x 2")
- Copy of your birth certificate and color copy of drivers license or color copy of US passport
- Certified transcripts from College of Pharmacy or University Record
  - Must include school seal/stamp, degree awarded, dates you attended school
  - May be submitted by board from applicant or directly from school
- Confirmation from College of Pharmacy of completion of 1,440 school-based rotation hours
- Criminal Background Check/ Fingerprinting
- Application must be notarized

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination: \$50 processing fee + \$120 pharmacist license fee + \$40 background check fee
- Licensure by Score Transfer: \$200 processing fee + \$120 pharmacist license fee + \$40 background check fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours of approved CE every 2 years (July 1- June 30 cycle)
  - Minimum of 2 hours in pharmacy and drug law
  - Minimum of 2 hours in patient safety or medication error prevention
- Does not apply to pharmacists applying for first license renewal if they have been licensed less than 1 year prior to July 1 of the renewal period
- One-time requirement of 7 hours of pain management CE completed within 24 months of their first license renewal

## License Renewal:

- License expires June 30 annually
- Renewal Fee: \$120 + \$25 Electronic Prescription Monitoring Fund fee

## MPJE Resources:

- Laws and Rules: [http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/Laws\\_Rules.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/Laws_Rules.aspx)



# Pennsylvania

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Pharmacy/Pages/default.aspx>

**Applications:** <http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Pharmacy/Pages/Pharmacist.aspx>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- May submit application approx. 2-3 months prior to graduation
- Verification of completion of 1,500 internship hours
  - Should be sent directly from College of Pharmacy or state Board of pharmacy
  - Maximum of 1,000 hours from College of Pharmacy's controlled internship program
- Certificate of Pharmacy Education to be completed and submitted by College of Pharmacy
  - Can also complete Part 4 to certify completion of immunizations course
    - Also need proof of liability insurance
  - Need photocopy of current CPR card

**Cost of Licensure:** \$45 licensing fee + \$30 authorization to administer injectable medications, biologicals, and immunizations application fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

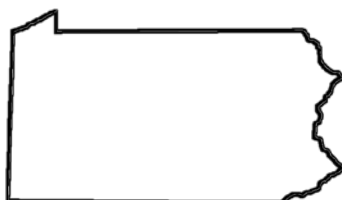
- 30 hours of ACPE-approved CE by September 30<sup>th</sup> of even numbered years
  - At least 2 hours in patient safety
  - If authorized to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations, need at least 2 hours on injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations
- 2 hours of board-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements
- Newly graduated licensee is exempt immediately following licensure

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire on September 30<sup>th</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$190

## MPJE Resources:

- Laws and Regulations:
  - <http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Pharmacy/Pages/Board-Laws-and-Regulations.aspx>
- MPJE Made Easy Preparatory Exam: <http://www.mpjemadeeasy.com/index.asp>
- MPJE Practice Test: <http://www.papharmacists.com/page/PracticeTest>
- Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Law Review: <http://www.papharmacists.com/?page=lawreview>



# Rhode Island

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.health.ri.gov/partners/boards/pharmacy/index.php>

**Applications:** See BOP website (link above)

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Affidavit of Applicant
- Preceptor Affidavit of Internship Hours (1,500 internship hours required)
  - Needs to be completed by each preceptor under whom hours were accrued
  - If completed in another state, have that board complete Verification of Internship Hours
- Original birth certificate or notarized copy
- Recent 2" x 2" passport-style photograph (certified by signature of faculty member)
- Official letter directly from College of Pharmacy sent to RI BOP
  - Include date of graduation, degree, IPPE/APPE hours
- 4 references attesting to your moral character and temperate habits (Certification of Character)
- Application must be notarized

**Cost of Licensure:** \$280 application fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 15 hours of board-approved CE by July 1<sup>st</sup> every year
  - 5 hours must be live CE
- For the first year of licensure following graduation, a pharmacist shall not be subject to CE requirements

## License Renewal:

- Expires annually on June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$280

## MPJE Resources:

- Regulations : <http://www.health.ri.gov/regulations/?parm=Pharmacy>
- Statutes: <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE5/5-19.1/INDEX.HTM>



# South Carolina

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pharmacy/>

**Applications/Forms:** <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pharmacy/index.asp?file=pub.htm>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Graduated from an accredited school, college, or department of pharmacy as determined by the board
- Notarized Verification of Lawful Presence
- Certified copy of your birth certificate, social security card, and driver's license, state issued ID, passport or military ID
- 2 recent passport-size photos (one submitted to board, one submitted at time of exam)
  - Must be witnessed by those who signed character vouchers
- Certification of Clinical Experience from college of pharmacy (1,500 hours required)
- 500 hours of practical experience (not required before exam, but required before licensure)
  - Must be submitted directly from board of pharmacy where accrued
  - Must be gained outside of school curriculum (in retail or institutional pharmacy practice)
- 2 character vouchers from licensed pharmacists
- Affidavit of Eligibility
  - Requires secure and verifiable document (driver's license, etc.)
- Application must be notarized

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination: \$100 application fee + \$70 license fee
- Licensure by License Transfer (Reciprocity): \$350 application fee + \$70 license fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of CE required every year
  - 6 hours of CE must be live
  - 50% of hours must be in drug therapy or patient management
- If you administer influenza immunizations, you are required to have no less than 1 hour of CE requiring administration of the influenza vaccine
- If newly licensed, you are exempt from CE for your first renewal period

## **License Renewal:**

- License must be renewed annually before April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$70

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Laws/Policies: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pharmacy/index.asp?file=laws.htm>
- MPJE Resources from SC Pharmacy Association: <http://www.scrx.org/mpje-resources>



# South Dakota

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://doh.sd.gov/boards/pharmacy/>

**FAQ:** <http://doh.sd.gov/boards/pharmacy/faq.aspx>

**Applications:** <http://doh.sd.gov/boards/pharmacy/pharmacist.aspx>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Passport-quality photo with signature/date on back
- List of applicant's internship experience (2,000 hours required)
  - 260 hours must be obtained outside of IPPE/APPE experiences
- Certified transcript sent directly from ACPE-accredited College of Pharmacy
- Copy of government-issued form of photo identification
- Application must be notarized

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination: \$35 initial certification of license fee
- Licensure by License Transfer (Reciprocity): \$150 fee to reciprocate + \$35 initial certification

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 12 hours of board-approved CE every year
- Newly licensed pharmacist can bypass CE Requirements

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire annually on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$125

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes and Rules: <https://doh.sd.gov/boards/pharmacy/statute.aspx>



# Tennessee

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://www.tn.gov/health/topic/pharmacy-board>

**FAQ:** <https://www.tn.gov/health/article/pharmacy-faq>

**Applications and Forms:** <https://www.tn.gov/health/article/pharmacy-applications>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Instructions: [https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/Applying\\_for\\_Licensure\\_as\\_a\\_Pharmacist.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/Applying_for_Licensure_as_a_Pharmacist.pdf)
- Submit affidavits attesting to internship hours (1,500 hours required)
  - Must be certified by respective boards of pharmacy
  - No more than 1,100 may come from College of Pharmacy
- Passport-style photograph
- Complete Mandatory Practitioner Profile
- Declaration of Citizenship with copy of authorized form of identification
- College Certification completed by authorized representative
- Criminal Background Check Required (\$42 fee)
- Application must be notarized

## Cost of Licensure:

- Initial License/Foreign Graduate: \$50 application fee + \$165 licensure fee + \$10 regulatory fee
- Score Transfer/Reciprocal License: \$475

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours of board-approved CE required every 2 years
  - At least 15 hours of live CE

## License Renewal:

- Licenses expire every 2 years (2 years from when license was granted)
- Renewal fee: \$125

## MPJE Resources:

- Statutes and Rules: <https://www.tn.gov/health/article/pharmacy-statutes>
- Law Book Order Form: [http://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/Lawbook03-16\(2\).docx](http://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/Lawbook03-16(2).docx)
- Handbook on Pharmacy and Drug Law Order Form:
  - <http://www.tnpharm.org/wp-content/uploads/LawHandbookOrderForm1.pdf>
- Pharmacy Law Review at East Tennessee State University Gatton College of Pharmacy conducted by Dr. Nick Hagemeier ([hagemeier@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:hagemeier@mail.etsu.edu))
  - Cost: \$150 (includes registration fee and study materials)



# Texas

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/>

**FAQ:** [http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/files\\_pdf/FAQ\\_for\\_New\\_Tx\\_Pharmacists.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/files_pdf/FAQ_for_New_Tx_Pharmacists.pdf)

**Applications:** <http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/infocist/Licenselink.asp>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Certification of 1,500 internship hours (May be reported on Graduation Affidavit)
- Graduation Affidavit completed and submitted from your College of Pharmacy
- Copy of authorized ID (driver's license/state issued ID) containing a photograph and signature
- Copy of your social security card & birth certificate
- Background Check/Fingerprinting required
- Once an applicant has successfully completed all requirements for licensure, a license will be issued with a 30 day expiration date. At this time, the applicant will complete a pharmacist license application and pay a pharmacist licensee fee

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination/Score Transfer: \$103 examination processing fee + \$235 initial license fee + [up to] \$44 surcharge
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$255 reciprocity fee + \$235 initial license fee + [up to] \$44 surcharge

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every licensing period (2 years)
  - At least 1 hour on Texas pharmacy laws or rules
- Pharmacists are exempt from CE requirements during their initial license period
- Immunization certified individuals must have 3 CE every 2 years to maintain competency

## License Renewal:

- After initial 30-day renewal, licenses will expire every two years in their birth month
- \$235 renewal fee + [up to] \$41 surcharge

## MPJE Resources:

- Laws and Rules: <http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/rules/>
- Guide: [http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/files\\_pdf/CandidatesGuide.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/files_pdf/CandidatesGuide.pdf)
- MPJE Review Webinar: <http://sites.utexas.edu/cpe>
- Texas and Federal Pharmacy and Drug Law Book: <http://www.txpharmacylaw.com/preview>
- Ultimate Texas MPJE Review Guide: <http://www.txpharmacylaw.com/review-guide>
- MPJE Review Seminars:
  - University of Houston College of Pharmacy (April)
  - Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy (April)
  - University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy (April)
  - Texas A&M Irma Rangel School of Pharmacy (May)
  - Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Pharmacy (May)
  - University of Texas College of Pharmacy (June)



# Utah

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/pharmacy.html>

**Application:** [http://www.dopl.utah.gov/apps/Pharmacist\\_App.pdf](http://www.dopl.utah.gov/apps/Pharmacist_App.pdf)

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Criminal Background check/Fingerprints
  - Need valid government-issued ID
- If applying with a NABP Transfer Application, you also need to submit:
- Documentation of meeting education requirement (transcript)
- Documentation of completing 1,740 internship hours (transcript or verification from board of pharmacy where hours were earned)

**Cost of Licensure:** \$250 application fee + *optional* \$50 temporary license fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

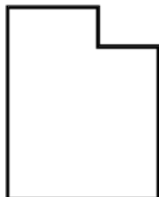
- 30 hours of ACPE-approved CE by September 30<sup>th</sup> of odd numbered years (every 2 years)
  - At least 12 hours must be live CE
  - At least 15 hours on drug therapy or patient management
  - At least 1 hour on pharmacy law or ethics
- If you received your initial license during the current renewal period, you must only complete a pro-rata amount of qualified professional education

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire on September 30<sup>th</sup> of odd-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$63

**MPJE Resources:**

- Administrative Code: <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r156/r156-17b.htm>
- Pharmacy Law Review Course at University of Utah by Dr. Jim Ruble
  - Cost: \$100 (by May 1) or \$125 (after May 1)
  - To register, email [pharm\\_law@yahoo.com](mailto:pharm_law@yahoo.com)



# Vermont

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/professions/pharmacy.aspx>

**Application:** [https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/666187/Pharmacist\\_Initial\\_Application.pdf](https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/666187/Pharmacist_Initial_Application.pdf)

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- Instructions: [https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/737934/Pharmacist\\_Initial\\_Application-Instructions.pdf](https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/737934/Pharmacist_Initial_Application-Instructions.pdf)
- Official transcript showing graduation from an accredited pharmacy school
- Evidence of 1,740 hours of practical experience
  - At least 500 hours of non-school related internship experience
  - Provide evidence of internship (rotations) directly from pharmacy school or from board of pharmacy where earned

**Cost of Licensure:** \$110 application fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every 2 years
  - At least 10 hours of live CE
- For applicants granted an initial license, CE requirements start on the opening day of the first biennial renewal period following receiving initial Vermont licensure

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire July 31<sup>st</sup> of odd-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$100

**MPJE Resources:**

- Statutes & Rules: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/list-of-professions/pharmacy/statutes-rules.aspx>
- Study References: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/173649/study-references-for-mpje.pdf>



# Virginia

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Pharmacy/>

**FAQ:** [http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Pharmacy/pharmacy\\_faq.htm](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Pharmacy/pharmacy_faq.htm)

**Applications & Forms:** [http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Pharmacy/pharmacy\\_forms.htm](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Pharmacy/pharmacy_forms.htm)

**Requirements for Licensure:**

- 1,500 internship hours required
  - Can document on “College Affidavit” or by documentation from board of pharmacy where earned
- College Affidavit to be completed by College of Pharmacy

**Cost of Licensure:** \$180 application fee

**Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of board-approved CE required by December 31<sup>st</sup> every calendar year
- A pharmacist is exempt for the calendar year in which his or her license was first issued

**License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of every calendar year
- Renewal fee: \$90

**MPJE Resources:**

*Note: Virginia Board of Pharmacy will cease offering the Virginia Federal and State Drug Law Exam (FSDLE) on June 30, 2016. Beginning on July 1, 2016, examination candidates seeking pharmacist licensure in Virginia will be required to successfully pass the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) offered by NABP.*

- Laws & Regulations: [http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/pharmacy\\_laws\\_regs.htm](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/pharmacy_laws_regs.htm)
- Pass the Virginia Law Exam: A Study guide for the FSDLE: <https://amzn.com/151186558X>



# Washington

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Pharmacist>

## **Applications and Forms:**

- <http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Pharmacist/ApplicationsandForms>

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Minimum of 7 hours of AIDS training/education required
  - <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-12-270>
- Proof of graduation from an accredited US pharmacy school or college
- Certification of 1,500 internship hours
- Official transcript sent directly from college of pharmacy

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination/Score Transfer: \$145 application fee
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$335 reciprocity fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 15 hours of board-approved CE required every year
- Need 7 hours of AIDS education prior to initially obtaining a health care credential
- One-time 3 hour CE course on suicide awareness and prevention

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday
- Renewal fee: \$190

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Laws: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Pharmacist/Laws>
- Study materials available from Washington State Pharmacy Association: <http://www.wsparx.org/>
- Washington Pharmacy Law: A Users Guide: [http://www.pharmacistlaw.com/law\\_guide.html](http://www.pharmacistlaw.com/law_guide.html)



# West Virginia

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://www.wvbop.com/>

**FAQ:** [http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=67&Itemid=96](http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=67&Itemid=96)

**Applications & Forms:** [http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=55&Itemid=85](http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55&Itemid=85)

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Info: [http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=82](http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=82)
- Evidence of graduation from an approved College of Pharmacy
- Proof of 1,500 internship hours
- Must pass Errors and Omissions exam

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure by Examination/Score Transfer: \$120 application fee
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$255 application fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours of board-approved CE every 2 years
  - 6 hours of live CE
  - 2 hours of end-of-life care including pain management
  - 3 hours of Drug Diversion CE required every reporting period
    - If you are a newly license pharmacist, you must complete during your 1<sup>st</sup> year of practice

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$120

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Law: [http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=84](http://www.wvbop.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=84)



# Wisconsin

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://dsps.wi.gov/Boards-Councils/Board-Pages/Pharmacy-Examining-Board-Main-Page/>

**Applications:** <http://dsps.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=a2421b5f-0c30-4d73-9b5c-a25f57912c35>

## Requirements for Licensure:

- Process: <http://dsps.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=1521432d-dddd-4dd9-9cff-c7f79d47c58b>
- Certificate of Professional Education
  - Completed by dean or registrar from College of Pharmacy
- Proof of internship completion (1500 hours required)
  - Directly submitted from College of Pharmacy or state Board of Pharmacy where earned
- Application needs to be notarized

## Cost of Licensure:

- Licensure by Examination: \$155 application fee
- Licensure by Score Transfer: \$140 application fee
- Licensure by Endorsement/Reciprocity: \$193 application fee

## Continuing Education Requirements:

- 30 hours of ACPE credit by May 31<sup>st</sup> of even numbered years (every 2 years)
- Does not apply to the biennium when license was first issued

## License Renewal:

- Expires on May 31<sup>st</sup> of even-numbered years
- Renewal fee: \$128

## MPJE Resources:

- Administrative Code:
  - <http://dsps.wi.gov/Boards-Councils/Administrative-Rules-and-Statutes/Pharmacy-Administrative-Rules-and-Statutes/>
- Pharmacy Law Review Session at Concordia University in May
  - Contact: Dr. Dean Arneson ([dean.arneson@cuw.edu](mailto:dean.arneson@cuw.edu))



# Wyoming

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**Board of Pharmacy:** <http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us/>

**FAQ:** <http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us/FAQ.aspx>

**Application:** Please email the Board office at [bop@wyo.gov](mailto:bop@wyo.gov) and request an application to be mailed to you. Please provide a mailing address.

## **Requirements for Licensure:**

- Documentation of intern hours (1,200 of board-approved internship required)
- Character Reference
- Notarized Application Affidavit
- Affidavit of Completion of Coursework and Graduation from College of Pharmacy
- Certified copy of birth certificate
- Recent passport-style photograph with signature on back (minimum 2" x 3")
- Criminal Background Check/ Fingerprinting
- Interview may be required with the Wyoming BOP
- Application for prescribing and administering immunizations

## **Cost of Licensure:**

- Licensure for New Graduate: \$75 application fee + \$50 background check fee
- Licensure by Reciprocity: \$200 application fee + \$50 background check fee

## **Continuing Education Requirements:**

- 12 hours of board-approved CE every year

## **License Renewal:**

- Licenses expire annually on December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Renewal fee: \$100 + \$10 *if* Pharmacist Immunizer + \$10 *if* Pharmacist Preceptor

## **MPJE Resources:**

- Laws, Rules, and Regulations: <http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us/laws.aspx>

