

Montana Board of Pharmacy

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Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist PHARMACIST

License Requirements for Pharmacist

Below are the minimum requirements you must meet in order to be licensed in the state of Montana.

Licensing Requirements: MCA <u>37-7-105</u>, MCA <u>37-7-201</u>, MCA <u>37-7-301</u>, MCA <u>37-7-302</u>, and

ARM <u>24.174. 401</u>, ARM <u>24.174.501</u>, ARM <u>24.174.502</u>, ARM <u>24.174.602</u>

- 1. Licensure by **Examination** [ARM <u>24.174.401</u>, ARM <u>24.174.501</u>]
 - Graduation from an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited school of pharmacy. [MCA <u>37-7-302</u>]
 - b. Submit Certificate of Pharmacy Education. [MCA <u>37-7-302</u>]
 - c. Completion of 1500 documented Intern hours. [ARM 24.174.602]
 - d. Passage of the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX), the national licensing exam administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). [ARM 24.174.501]
 - e. Passage of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE), the Montana law exam administered by NABP. [ARM <u>24.174.502</u>]
- 2. Licensure by License Transfer/Credentialing from Another State [ARM 24.174.401, ARM 24.174.502]
 - a. Apply for licensure transfer through NABP's Electronic Licensure Transfer Program® (e-LTP).
 - b. Apply to NABP for the MPJE examination and pass MPJE.
 - c. Verification of all professional licenses you hold or ever have held; not required for licenses verified by NABP through e-LTP.
- 3. Licensure as a Foreign Graduate [ARM 24.174.401, ARM 24.174.501]
 - a. Interview before the Board of Pharmacy.
 - b. 1500 hours of internship in the United States.
 - c. Receive a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification from NABP, which includes the following:
 - Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE)
 - Test of Spoken English (TSE); and
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
 - d. Achieve NABP minimum scores on all tests and examinations.
- 4. Immunization certification for adding the immunization endorsement on license. [MCA 37-7-105]

PLEASE REVIEW THE MONTANA LAWS AND RULES AT <u>www.pharmacy.mt.gov</u>.



Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Pharmacist

The following documents and additional forms are required <u>in addition</u> to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the board directly from the source.

- □ Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license of any type.
- □ Photo and email address.
- □ Indicate if applying by examination or by transfer/credentialing from another state.
 - If applying for licensure by examination:
 - Submit a Certificate of Pharmacy Education from the school where you graduated;
 - Provide proof that 1500 Intern hours were completed.
 - o If applying for license transfer/credential, complete the NABP e-LTP license transfer application.
- □ If a foreign pharmacist graduate, submit proof of FPGEC Certification issued by NABP; provide proof that 1500 Intern hours were completed.
- □ Indicate if applying to take the NAPLEX and/or MPJE exams.
 - Apply through NABP to take NAPLEX and MPJE (the Board of Pharmacy will make an applicant eligible to test).
- □ If immunization certified, submit proof of certification and CPR training for immunization endorsement.
- □ If you answered yes to discipline questions:
 - Include a detailed explanation on the event(s) and documentation from the source (licensing board, federal agencies/programs, or civil/criminal court proceedings such as initiating/charging documents, final disposition/judgement documents, etc.).

Application Fee(s) for Pharmacist

The following fee(s) must be submitted with your application. Online applicants can pay using a credit card or e-check. If you submit a paper application you must submit a check payable to the Montana Board of Pharmacy. Do not mail cash.

- □ \$70 Application Fee
- □ \$180 License Transfer/Credential Application Fee (online application and separate fee through NABP)
- □ \$35 NAPLEX National Licensing Exam Fee (register and pay separate fee through NABP)
- □ \$25 MPJE Law Exam Fee (register and pay separate fee through NABP)

You can apply for a license online at <u>https://ebiz.mt.gov/POL/</u> or download a paper application from the website. Online application is recommended.

Please include a valid e-mail address with your application. E-mail is the Department's primary form of communication.

If you have any questions about the application process or the licensing requirements please contact the Department of Labor and Industry Professional Licensing Bureau using the contact information at the top of this checklist.