

Procedure for Licensure in California for the Class of 2017

To become licensed to practice pharmacy in California, you must meet the Registered Pharmacist requirements of the California Board of Pharmacy provided in the section on their website entitled Pharmacist Licensure Examinations.

Website: <http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/applicants/index.shtml>

Application: http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/rph_app_pkt.pdf

FEES

The licensing process is primarily composed of two examinations and payment of fees (subject to change):

- 1) North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX)
 - a) **New format as of 11/1/16: 250 questions (up from 185), testing time 6 hours**
- 2) California Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE): new detailed content out line

http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/exam_outline_after0416.pdf

- 3) *The following fees must be paid:*
 - a) NAPLEX Application Fee: **\$575**
 - b) California Pharmacist Licensure Application Fee: \$260
 - c) Live Scan Processing Fee: DOJ Fee \$32, FBI Fee \$19 plus fingerprint scanning service fee that varies by location (\$5-\$20).
 - d) Self-Query Report Fee to NPDB-HIPDB: \$16
 - e) California Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination Fee: \$33
 - f) California Pharmacist Licensure Fee: \$195

Your applications for the NAPLEX and the CPJE are submitted separately, but in parallel.

Important Note: Your name of record with the California Board of Pharmacy (the name you used when you applied for your intern license) must match **identically** to BOTH forms of identification for admission to the CPJE. For example, John J. Smith is **not** identical to John Joseph Smith. If the names do not match, you need to correct your identification so that the names match identically.

Required Identifications to take the CPJE: In order to be allowed to sit for the CPJE, an applicant must present **TWO** of the following identifications listed below at the testing site and **ONE** of the identifications **MUST** contain a photo:

- US State, Commonwealth, or Territory issued driver's license or identification card
- US government issued passport
- US social security card (cannot be laminated)
- US military-issued identification
- National identity card

For information on resolution of this issue see the following website:

http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/exam_id_info.pdf

*** if you show up to the exam center without identically matched identifications, you will not take the exam and this will be considered a missed appointment and you will need to pay another \$33 to reschedule.*

STEPS TO LICENSURE

1. **Submit the Applications:**

1. Apply **and PAY** online for the NAPLEX exam at <http://www.nabp.net/programs/examination/naplex/>
2. Submit your California Pharmacist Licensure and Examination (CPJE) application to the UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Office of Student Affairs with the application checklist.
 1. These must be received by Kim Ciero at the OSA no later than **May 11th**.
 2. Be sure to make a copy of all materials submitted.
 3. The OSA will send your application materials, final transcript, directly to the California Board of Pharmacy. The Board will process applications received directly from the School in an expedited manner, usually within 7-15 days. Applications sent directly by the applicant will not receive expedited processing by the Board. In addition, the Board will not process an application that does not have a final transcript from UCSD with the degree posted.

2. **Await Confirmation of Eligibility:** After the California Board receives your complete pharmacist application and verification of graduation from UCSD, it confirms your eligibility to take both exams. If your application was submitted in bulk by the OSA, you will usually receive an eligibility or deficiency letter within 15 days of receipt of materials in the Board office. If you submitted your application directly to the Board, it may take up to 60 days to receive your letter.

3. **Schedule and Take the Exams:** Once confirmed, schedule appointments to take both exams. There is an additional \$33.00 fee to take the CPJE, which you submit after you receive the authorization to test. The CPJE is administered by Psychological Services Inc (PSI) and the NAPLEX is administered by Pearson VUE. You will not receive exam results from the test sites or administrators. The results are sent to the Board who will contact you generally within 30 days. Periodically, the Board conducts a quality assurance assessment of the CPJE. During these times, results may not be available for 60 to 90 days.

4. **Submit the Licensing Fee:** After you are notified that you have passed both exams, submit a licensing fee to the California Board.

5. **Receive License:** When your fee has been processed, the California Board issues your pharmacist license.