

NC Requirements for Reciprocity of Pharmacist License

LICENSE BY RECIPROCITY 21 NCAC 46 .1602

An applicant for licensure without examination, must have been:

- (1) Originally licensed as a pharmacist by examination;
- (2) Achieved scores on an equivalent examination, such as the NABPLEX examination, which would qualify for licensure in this state at that time if said applicant was licensed by examination after June 1, 1980;
- (3) Licensed by a state which deems licensees from this state to be equivalent to the extent that they are suitable for licensure in that state without further substantial examination;

Passed an examination equivalent to the North Carolina examination specified in Rule .1505(a) (2) of this Chapter or, in lieu of such an examination.

21 NCAC 46.1505(a) (2) Practical pharmacy examination including: laboratory work, prescription reading and interpretation, drug identifications, determination of errors and omissions, pharmaceutical jurisprudence, and such other reasonable tests of the applicant's ability to translate professional knowledge into terms of actual practice as the Board may see fit.

Has graduated from an accredited school or college of pharmacy as determined by the Board specified in Rule .1504 of this Chapter or, has passed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Exam (FPGEE) administered by NABP, the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English (TSE) 21 NCAC 46 .1317(13). A copy of the FPGEE certification must accompany your application.

21 NCAC 46 .1504: All applicants shall furnish on forms provided by the Board satisfactory evidence that they have received an undergraduate professional degree from an approved school.

21 NCAC 46 .1317(13): Graduate of an Approved School or College of Pharmacy. A person who has received an undergraduate professional degree in pharmacy from an approved school or college of pharmacy, or a person who has graduated from a foreign professional school of pharmacy and has successfully completed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination offered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION (Reciprocity) G.S. 90-85.20

- (a) The Board may issue a license to practice pharmacy, without examination, to any person who is licensed as a pharmacist in another jurisdiction if the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of possessing the same qualifications as are required of licensees in this State, that he was licensed by examination in such other jurisdiction, and that the standard of competence required by such other jurisdiction is substantially equivalent to that of this State at that time. The Board must be satisfied that a candidate for licensure has a satisfactory understanding of the laws governing the practice of pharmacy and distribution of drugs in this State.

A negative determination of any of the criteria in this Rule would preclude licensure under G.S. 90-85.20.