

1 21 NCAC 46 .1505 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 46 .1505 EXAMINATION**

4 (a) The applicant shall pass the following examinations:

- 5 (1) the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (“NAPLEX”); and a national examination;  
6 (2) the North Carolina version of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (“MPJE”); a  
7 jurisprudence examination; and  
8 (3) ~~—a practical examination which includes an error and omission section.~~

9 (b) In order to pass either the NAPLEX or the MPJE, the applicant shall achieve the passing score set by the National  
10 Association of Boards of Pharmacy (or any organization designated by the National Association of Boards of  
11 Pharmacy to administer the NAPLEX or the MPJE). For the purpose of grading or rating, the answers, which shall  
12 be legible, shall be valued by marks or points based on their importance, as determined by the judgment of the  
13 examiners.

14 (c) An applicant who achieves a passing score on one examination must achieve a passing score on the remaining  
15 examination within a two calendar year period starting from the date of the first passing score. Failure to achieve  
16 passing scores on both examinations in this two calendar year period shall result in the applicant’s application for  
17 licensure being denied. The applicant may, subject to the testing attempt limitations of paragraph (d) of this Rule,  
18 reapply for licensure and restart the examination process. In order to pass, a score of 75 or more is required on each  
19 examination. Candidates who obtain a score of 75 or more on each examination are deemed to have passed the  
20 respective examination provided that the candidate obtains a passing score on the remaining examinations within the  
21 next following two calendar years. If the examination is taken outside of North Carolina, the examination score shall  
22 be properly transferred to North Carolina. A candidate who fails to pass all three examinations in the two calendar  
23 year period must retake and pass all three examinations within a two calendar year period.

24 (d) The applicant shall be afforded a total of five (5) attempts to achieve a passing score on each examination. Failure  
25 to achieve a passing score on each examination within five (5) attempts shall result in the applicant being ineligible  
26 for licensure. At the time of the examination, the Board may designate certain questions which, if missed, shall require  
27 the candidate to obtain continuing education. The continuing education required will be specified by the Board and  
28 must be obtained by the candidate prior to issuance of a pharmacist license.

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30 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-85.15; 90-85.16;*

31 *Eff. April 1, 1983;*

32 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2017; April 1, 2004; April 1, 2003; July 1, 1996; December 31, 1985.*