

Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Competency Examination and Jurisprudence Examination Required for Licensure as a Pharmacist

In addition to other requirements of law or regulation, pharmacists applying for licensure by examination or endorsement must pass a competence assessment examination approved by the Board and a jurisprudence examination approved by the Board. *See* 18VAC110-21-80.

Pharmacists must pass or have passed the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NABPLEX) or its successor examination, the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (“NAPLEX”) and the Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (“UMPJE”). The minimum passing scores for these examinations are set by a panel of pharmacy experts convened by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. The Board accepts the minimum passing scores set by NABP for these examinations.

For pharmacists applying for licensure by endorsement, who were initially examined prior to June 1, 1979, the Board will accept the originating state's competence assessment examination and passing score as satisfactory evidence of meeting the same standard of competence required for licensure by examination in Virginia at that time.