

Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Competency Examination Required for Licensure as a Pharmacist NAPLEX Passing Score

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.

Pharmacists examined after June 1, 1979 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). The Board determines that the minimum acceptable passing score for the NAPLEX is 75 on the NAPLEX scale and adopts by reference the method for calculating the score as outlined in the current edition of the NAPLEX Registration Bulletin.

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.