



PHARMACIST APPLICATION BY RECIPROCITY REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

To become licensed as a pharmacist in South Carolina by reciprocity, an applicant shall comply with requirements as outlined in [S.C. Code §40-43-81](#). Each applicant shall have:

1. Possessed at the time of initial licensure as a pharmacist all qualifications necessary to have been eligible for licensure in this State,
2. Presented proof of licensure as a pharmacist in another jurisdiction,
3. Presented proof of pharmacist license in good standing,
4. Passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE),
5. Been interviewed by members of the Board, and
6. Paid all required fees.

LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY PROCEDURES

The process for applying for licensure by reciprocity in South Carolina consists of five distinct parts:

- Submit the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy Pharmacist Application by Reciprocity and required items.
- Complete the electronic licensure transfer program application through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).
- Register for and successfully pass the MPJE.
- Participate in a reciprocity interview with Board members.
- Once you have successfully passed the MPJE and completed all requirements for licensure in South Carolina, you will be required to submit a licensure fee.

NABP ELECTRONIC LICENSURE TRANSFER PROGRAM

All applicants seeking licensure via reciprocity must complete the Electronic Licensure Transfer Program (e-LTP) application through the NABP. This application is available on NABP's website. Once you complete this application, notify the Board via email to contact.pharmacy@llr.sc.gov.

NABP official applications are valid **one year** from the date of issue. After that time, they are null and void and the process must begin again. There are no refunds of any fees under any circumstances.

If you reside in South Carolina and wish to work in a pharmacy prior to receiving your South Carolina pharmacist license, you must register with the SC Board of Pharmacy as an intern. The Intern Certificate Application is available online at <https://llr.sc.gov/bop/pub.aspx> under the "Applications and Forms" link.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must apply and register for the MPJE with the NABP. Applicants are encouraged to fully review and explicitly follow the instructions within the Candidate Application Bulletin from NABP. This Bulletin is on NABP's website (<https://nabp.pharmacy/>). The examinations are administered by Pearson, who provides the Authorization to Test (ATT) and confirmation letters. The ATT provides all the scheduling information you require and the confirmation letter will include verification of the exam date and time as well as the address of the testing center. Exams are administered at Pearson Professional Centers daily Monday through Saturday, except holidays.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

If you are a new graduate and have received your initial Pharmacist license within the past year, you are required to have five hundred (500) hours of practical experience working in retail or institutional pharmacy. The five hundred hours must be verified by your place of employment.

The employer must provide the following information on letterhead:

- Supervising pharmacist's name and license number
- Name of pharmacy and permit/license number
- Copies of both the supervising pharmacist's license and the pharmacy's permit/license.
- Verification of hours of practical experience in retail or institutional pharmacy

FOREIGN GRADUATES

Foreign graduates must obtain their experience in the United States after an internship certificate has been issued. Intern certificates require that you provide the Board of Pharmacy copies of your Social Security card and your FPGEC.

Fifteen hundred (1,500) hours of practical experience, gained in accordance with South Carolina internship requirements in effect at the time the internship was gained, are required for licensure. Internship training shall be acquired under the supervision, direction and instruction of a licensed pharmacist in a pharmacy, site, or program approved by the Board as being a proper place for the training of a pharmacy intern.

INTERVIEW WITH BOARD MEMBERS

Once you submit your South Carolina reciprocity application and your NABP e-LTP application has been received, you will be provided with dates for the required interview via email. All candidates will be sent a link to Webex (a secure virtual platform) within five days of the interview date.

OTHER INFORMATION

Licenses will be issued upon successful completion of all application requirements, including the interview. If your application for licensure is approved before February 1, you are required to renew your license before April 1 to avoid a late fee.

- If you move during this process, please advise the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy *in writing* your new address, indicating that you are a candidate for reciprocity.
- There are no exceptions to the application procedures or the dates of the interviews and there are no temporary licenses.
- If you have questions concerning these application requirements, please contact the Board office in Columbia at (803) 896-4700 or visit our website at <https://llr.sc.gov/bop/> or the NABP website at <https://nabp.pharmacy/>

NOTE: Your application is good for one (1) year from the date of receipt. If all required information is not received within this period, you must begin the application process from the beginning. This includes, but is not limited to, all fees, license verifications, etc.

Documentation required to upload with your application:

- Copy of your valid Driver's License, State Issued ID, Passport or Military ID
- Copy of your certified birth certificate
- Copy of your Social Security card
- Notarized [Verification of Lawful Presence Form](#)
- Current 2x2 passport-type photograph
- Legal name change documentation (Ex. marriage certificate, divorce decree), if applicable

Documentation/information required to be submitted by issuing agency:

- Electronic licensure transfer program from NABP

Payment in the amount of \$375 is due at the end of the application. A returned check fee of up to \$30, or an amount specified by law, may be assessed on all returned funds. All fees are non-refundable.



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES
AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY



Pursuant to Section 8-29-10, *et seq.* of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended), the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation must verify that any person who applies for a South Carolina license is lawfully present in the United States. Complete and sign this affidavit of eligibility. The information provided is subject to verification.

Section A: LAWFUL PRESENCE in the United States.

The undersigned _____, of _____,
(Print clearly First, Middle, and Last name) (Home Address, City, State, and Zip Code)
 being first duly sworn deposes and states as follows:

Check only one box:

1. I am a United States citizen; or
2. I am a Legal Permanent Resident of the United States eighteen years of age or older; or
3. I am a Qualified Alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Public Law 82-414, eighteen years of age or older, and lawfully present in the United States.
4. Other: _____ Please submit any documentation that supports this status.

Date of Birth: _____

Alien Number: _____ I-94 Number: _____

(If you checked number 2, 3, or 4 you must attach a copy of your immigration documents. See instruction sheet for a list of accepted immigration documents.)

Section B: ATTESTATION.

I understand that in accordance with section 8-29-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, a person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall, in addition to other sanctions imposed by this State or the United States, be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction must be fined and/or imprisoned for not more than 5 years (or both).

I understand that the representations made in this Affidavit shall apply through any license(s) or renewals issued, and that I shall have an affirmative duty to immediately advise the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation of any change of my immigration or citizenship status.

I swear and attest the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that under South Carolina law, providing false information is grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, certificate, registration or permit.

Signature of Affiant

SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Signature

Print Name

Notary Public for _____

My Commission Expires: _____

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR COMPLETING AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

CHECK box 1:

If you are a United States Citizen by birth or naturalization

CHECK box 2:

If you are a Legal Permanent Resident and you are not a U.S. Citizen, but are residing in the U.S. under legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence as an immigrant.

PROVIDE A COPY OF ALL IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS.

CHECK box 3:

If you are a Qualified Alien. You are a Qualified Alien if you are:

An alien who is lawfully admitted for residence under the INA.

An alien who is granted asylum under Section 208 of the INA.

A refugee who is admitted to the United States under Section 207 of the INA.

An alien who is paroled into the United States under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA for a period of at least 1 year.

An alien whose deportation is being withheld under Section 243(h) of the INA (as in effect prior to April 1, 1997) or whose removal has been withheld under Section 241(b)(3).

An alien who is granted conditional entry pursuant to Section 203(a)(7) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1980.

An alien who is a Cuban/Haitian Entrant as defined by Section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980.

An alien who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty, or whose child or parent has been battered or subject to extreme cruelty.

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ACCEPTED IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS:

Unexpired Reentry Permit (I-327)

Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card With Photograph (I-551)

Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (I-571)

Unexpired Employment Authorization Card Which Contains a Photograph (I-766)

Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 Language)

Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94)

I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) in Unexpired Foreign Passport

I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant, F-1, Student Status)

DS2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor, J-1, Status)