

## Pharmacist Licensure by License Transfer (Reciprocity) in Minnesota

Checklist for licensure transfer for pharmacists with an active license in another state

Click on the following link to review the licensure transfer requirements in **MN Rule 6800.1300**: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=6800.1300> and **MN Rule 6800.5500**: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=6800.5500>.

## Licensure Transfer (Reciprocity) Standards

Pharmacists licensed in another state may not work as pharmacists in Minnesota prior to licensure. In the interim, a candidate may work in the field of pharmacy if he/she registers as a pharmacist-intern and works in that capacity under the direct supervision of a Minnesota registered preceptor. The Application for Internship Registration can be downloaded from the MN Board's website, completed, and submitted to the Board. The Minnesota Board does not issue a "temporary permit" to work as a pharmacist.

**Note: Substitution for internship.** Deficiencies in internship experience will not preclude an applicant from being considered eligible provided that the applicant has practiced as a licensed pharmacist for one week at 40 hours per week for each week or portion of a week that the applicant is deficient in internship experience. For example, the number of weeks the applicant has practiced as a licensed pharmacist before applying for licensure transfer must be equal to or greater than the number of weeks or portions of weeks that the applicant is deficient in internship experience.

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## Use this checklist to ensure you have completed the requirements to be licensed in the State of Minnesota.

1. Register for the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). They will require you to complete a Preliminary Application for License Transfer.
  - This process may take from 4-6 weeks.
  - They will send you the NABP Official Application for Transfer of Pharmacist License to the State of Minnesota.
2. Mail the completed NABP Official Application for Transfer of Pharmacist License to the State of Minnesota to the MN Board of Pharmacy along with the application fee. NOTE: If the application is not fully completed, or is missing information, this will delay the processing of your application for licensure.
3. Mail a notarized copy of your birth certificate issued by a federal, state, or county Department of Vital Statistics or passport along with the application to the MN Board of Pharmacy.

4. Register for the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) on NABP's website. Examination fees are listed on their website.
5. Complete a criminal background check. Back ground checks may take 2-3 weeks to process. We recommend you submit your application and fees 2-3 months prior to taking the MPJE.

## **Additional Information**

Effective January 1, 2004 the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy began accepting license transfer/reciprocity candidates from California if they were licensed in California after January 1, 2004.

Effective November 16, 2005 the Board eliminated the requirement that a pharmacist applying for licensure transfer in Minnesota to maintain their license by original examination. However, they need to have a license in good standing from a National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and to accomplish the license transfer through the NABP Clearinghouse.

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## **Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)**

In 2017, Minnesota legislators implemented a program to promote public health and welfare by detecting diversion, abuse and misuse of prescriptions for controlled substances as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 152.126.

This law requires **all Minnesota licensed pharmacists** practicing within the state, to register and maintain a user account with the PMP. Visit [pmp.pharmacy.state.mn.us](http://pmp.pharmacy.state.mn.us) for more information on how to comply with this law once you are licensed.