

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD  
PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES  
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-091)

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ORDER

An order of the Pharmacy Examining Board to amend Phar 2.01 (1) and Phar 2.04 (1), relating to examinations for original licensure and for persons licensed in another state.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

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ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2), 450.02 (3) (e), 450.03 (2) and 450.04 (1), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 450.04 and 450.05, Stats.

The objective of this proposed rule-making order is to create consistent licensure requirements with other states that require applicants in certain instances to take and pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), and the Test of Spoken English (TSE).

Currently, Wisconsin law only requires that an applicant who is a foreign graduate of a school of pharmacy to take and pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE), offered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC). Other states require a foreign graduate of a school of pharmacy to take and pass three examinations, the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), and the Test of Spoken English (TSE). Upon successfully taking and passing all three examinations the foreign graduate earns FPGEC Certification. Requiring foreign graduate applicants in Wisconsin to earn FPGEC Certification as a precondition for licensure will allow Wisconsin licensure requirements in this instance to be considered “substantially equivalent” with other states, thus allowing greater mobility for pharmacists with Wisconsin licensure who thereafter seek licensure in other states.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Phar 2.01 (1) is amended to read:

Phar 2.01 (1) Has been graduated from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the board or has ~~taken and passed the foreign pharmacy graduate equivalency examination given~~ obtained certification by the foreign pharmacy graduate examination ~~commission~~ committee.

SECTION 2. Phar 2.04 (1) is amended to read:

Phar 2.04 (1) Has been graduated from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the board, or has ~~taken and passed the foreign pharmacy graduate equivalency examination given~~ obtained certification by the foreign pharmacy graduate examination ~~commission~~ committee.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)  
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The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson  
Pharmacy Examining Board

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