

FOREIGN PHARMACIST **

An applicant must be of good moral character; be at least 18 years of age; be a graduate of a school or college of pharmacy approved by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (The Board) or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education; and have completed a Professional Experience Program (PEP) as required by the Board.

** FOREIGN GRADUATE EXAMINATION **

Foreign pharmacy graduates shall pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalence Examination (FPGEE), which is administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), before submitting an application for licensure. The original FPGEE certificate must be submitted with the application for licensure (original will be returned to graduate). All practical experience must be earned in the United States under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. Currently, there is no specific PEP in Maryland for graduates of foreign schools. Each individual must contact the pharmacy where he/she desires to gain this experience and arrange employment or volunteer work. Volunteer and/or work experience must total 1,560 hours. These hours are to be recorded on the Pharmacy Experience Affidavit

** INTERNSHIP HOURS **

Applicants who have graduated from pharmacy schools in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, with structured professional experience programs (PEP), are required to have a total of 1,200 hours. All other applicants must have completed a total of 1,560 hours in a PEP. The Board may accept a PEP conducted or supervised by a school or college of pharmacy. The Professional Experience Program at the University of Maryland and Howard University fulfill the Board's PEP requirements for their graduates.

Partial and/or non-pharmacy school supervised programs or experience will be evaluated on an individual basis. In order to receive credit for experience outside of a structured school or college PEP, a notarized affidavit from each employer, stipulating the time served in hours per week, must be submitted with the application or have been previously filed with the Board.

NOTE: Internship hours earned in states other than Maryland must be certified by the Board of Pharmacy in the state where the work was performed.

Falsification of records clearly violates the Maryland Pharmacy Act and would constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

The Board does not register interns.