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3. Promulgating Authority

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Repeal of Existing Regulations |
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7. Is there Emergency text that is identical to this Proposal:

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8. Incorporation by Reference

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Check if the system should send a copy of the proposal to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council

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Title 10

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Subtitle 34 BOARD OF PHARMACY

10.34.02 Examination for Licensure and Professional Experience Programs

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§ 12-205 and 12-302, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[25-264-P]

The Secretary of Health proposes to:
amend Regulations .02 and .03 under COMAR 10.34.02 Examination for Licensure and Professional Experience. This action was considered by the Board of Pharmacy at a public meeting held on August 20, 2025, notice of which was given by publication on the Board's website at <https://health.maryland.gov/pharmacy/Pages/index.aspx> pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to (1) Clarify and update examination requirements; and (2) Clarify and update when applicants may take Exam II.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jordan Fisher Blotter, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Maryland Department of Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 534 Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or call 410-767-0938, or email to mdh.regs@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through January 2, 2026. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

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Secretary of Health

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: **FY 2026**

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

Yes

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:

State funding is not required for implementation of this regulation.

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

This regulation will be implemented by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

Small businesses will not be impacted by this regulation because the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy will implement the regulation through the testing process.

G. Small Business Worksheet:

N/A

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.02 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) *“Foreign school or college of pharmacy” means a school or college of pharmacy that is not located in any state of the United States.*

[(2)] (3) "Licensure examinations" means the Board-administered or Board-approved examinations required of applicants for licensure which include the following:

- (a) Exam I: *North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)*;
 - [(i) Part I: NAPLEX, and
 - (ii) Part II: Pharmacy Law Test;]
- (b) Exam II: *Pharmacy Law Test through either:*
 - (i) *The Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (UMPJE) and the Maryland Pharmacy Law webinar and post-webinar test; or*
 - (ii) *The Maryland Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE); and*
- (c) Exam III:
 - (i) Prescreening Test of Oral English Competency[.]; or
 - (ii) Test of Oral English Competency.

.03 Licensure Examinations.

[A. An applicant may take Exam I upon satisfactory proof that the applicant has graduated, or is expected to graduate at the completion of the immediate semester, from a school or college of pharmacy that has been:

- (1) Approved by the Board; or
- (2) Accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.

B. An applicant may not receive a license until the applicant has provided satisfactory proof to the Board of the applicant's graduation from a college or school of pharmacy approved by the Board or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.

C. Passing Grades — Exam I.

- (1) The passing grade for each of the two parts of the Exam I is 75.
- (2) If a candidate receives a passing grade on Part I or Part II of Exam I, the candidate is not required to retake that part unless the passing grade was received more than 1 year before the date the candidate successfully completed all of the other examination requirements set forth in this regulation.

D. Passing Grades — Exam II.]

A. *Examination Eligibility.*

(1) *An applicant may be approved by the Board to take Exam I upon satisfactory proof that the applicant has graduated, or is expected to graduate at the completion of the immediate semester, from a school or college of pharmacy that has been:*

- (a) *Approved by the Board; or*
- (b) *Accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE).*

(2) *Beginning May 1, 2027, an applicant may be approved by the Board to take Exam II upon satisfactory proof that the applicant has graduated from, or has successfully completed the didactic portion of the core curriculum of a school or college of pharmacy that has been:*

- (a) *Approved by the Board; or*
- (b) *Accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE).*

B. *An applicant may not receive a license until the applicant has:*

- (1) *Obtained passing scores on Exam I, Exam II, and Exam III, as applicable; and*
- (2) *Provided satisfactory proof to the Board of the applicant's graduation from a college or school of pharmacy approved by the Board or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE).*

C. *Passing Scores – Exam I and Exam II.*

- (1) *The passing score for Exam I is 75.*
- (2) *II Passing Scores.*
 - (a) *For the Maryland Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) the passing score is 75.*
 - (b) *For the Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (UMPJE) the passing score is 75.*
 - (c) *Maryland Pharmacy Law Webinar and Post-Webinar Exam.*
 - (i) *The passing score is 85.*
 - (ii) *The Maryland Pharmacy Law webinar and post-webinar exam shall provide unlimited attempts to pass the exam in one sitting provided that the applicant reviews the webinar after each failed attempt at the exam.*
 - (iii) *There may not be a fee associated with the Maryland Pharmacy Law webinar and post-webinar exam.*
- (3) *If a candidate receives a passing score on Exam I or Exam II, the candidate is not required to retake that exam unless the passing score was received more than 2 years before the date the candidate successfully completed all of the other examination requirements set forth in this regulation.*

D. *Passing Score – Exam III.*

- (1)—(7) (text unchanged)

E. *Graduates of a Foreign School or College of Pharmacy.*

- (1) *In addition to the other examination requirements set forth in this regulation, an applicant who has graduated from a foreign school or college of pharmacy shall:*
 - (a) *Be approved to take the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE); and*
 - (b) *Obtain the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Education Committee (FPGEC) Certificate.*
- (2) *The passing score for the FPGEE is 75.*
- (3) *Upon successful completion of the FPGEE and submission of the FPGEC Certificate, an applicant may be approved by the Board to take Exam I and Exam II.*

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