

MICHIGAN PHARMACIST LICENSING GUIDE

OVERVIEW:

The pharmacist license type allows a licensee to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

NOTE: The content contained below is a general overview of licensing requirements. Links to access the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules for this profession can be found at the end of this guide.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

(Listed below are the minimum requirements needed to obtain a pharmacist license.)

APPLICATION AND FEES

- Online Application For a Pharmacist License - Complete all fields, answer all questions, and upload any supporting documentation.
- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus.
- Online Application for Controlled Substance License (Optional).
- Application Fee + 2-year License Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit or debit card.):
 - Pharmacist By Examination or Endorsement – \$137.70
 - Pharmacist Relicensure – \$157.70
 - Pharmacist Relicensure with Temporary License – \$183.20
 - Controlled Substance - \$176.40

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS (EXCEPT RENEWAL)

- NABP E-Profile Identification Number – Contact the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for more information at <https://nabp.pharmacy>.
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking a license.

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- Social Security Number (SSN) – An individual applying for licensure is required to provide his or her social security number at the time of application. If exempt under law from obtaining an SSN or do not have an SSN, the SSN affidavit form will be required to be uploaded at the time the application is submitted.
- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check (except those applicants seeking relicensure, if the license expired within the last three years).
- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent directly to our office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States or country in which you hold or ever held a license. The verification must show that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. Verification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- Human Trafficking Training – A individual seeking licensure must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.511 prior to being issued a license. The training must only be completed one time.
- Implicit Bias Training – An individual seeking licensure must have completed at least 2 hours of implicit bias training within the five years immediately preceding issuance of the license.
- If you will be dispensing controlled substances, you must apply for both a pharmacist and controlled substance license. You may apply for a controlled substance license by completing the controlled substance license fields in the application. If you do not apply for a controlled substance license on your pharmacist application, you must wait for the pharmacist license to be issued before you may apply for a controlled substance license.
- Opioids and Controlled Substances Awareness Training – An individual seeking a controlled substance license or who is licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances must have completed training in opioids and controlled substances awareness that meets the standards established in the Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substances Administrative Rules, R 338.3135 prior to being issued a license.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIST BY EXAMINATION (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Prior to submitting an online application for licensure, you must have obtained a passing score on the NAPLEX. Contact the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for more information at <https://nabp.pharmacy>. An applicant that fails to pass the NAPLEX shall wait not less than 45 days to retest or comply with the current waiting period established by NABP, whichever is longer. An applicant that has not achieved a passing score on the NAPLEX may not take the NAPLEX more than 3 times in a 12-month period. An applicant who fails to pass the NAPLEX within 3 attempts, shall request preapproval from the department, of a live or interactive examination preparation course, or instruction with an instructor with expertise on the subject matter, for the examination that he or she failed. After participating in the course or instruction the applicant shall provide the department with proof that he or she completed the course or instruction. An applicant may not sit for the NAPLEX more than 5 times unless he or she successfully repeats an ACPE-accredited pharmacy education program and provides proof of completion.
- Once you have achieved a passing score on the NAPLEX, you may apply for licensure in Michigan.

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- Provide an attestation to the department that you have sufficient knowledge of the [code](#) and board's [rules](#) to competently practice pharmacy in this state.
- Provide one of the following:
 - Graduates of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) approved pharmacy education programs must forward the Certificate of Pharmacy Education form to your school of pharmacy to request verification of pharmacy education. **The Certificate of Pharmacy Education must be mailed directly from your college to this office.**
 - Graduates of foreign pharmacy programs that are not Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) approved must complete the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee certification program (FPGEC) administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). Visit the NABP website at <https://nabp.pharmacy> for more information.
 - A score transfer from NABP if you have been licensed in another state for 1 day to 1 year.
- Michigan requires 1,600 hours of internship. The Internship Training Affidavit form should be used only to report those intern hours gained in Michigan while holding an intern license. Hours gained in other states must be reported directly to this office by the Board of Pharmacy in the state where the intern hours were obtained.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Establish that you are currently licensed, and that your license is currently in good standing as a pharmacist in another state.
- Submit the NABP license transfer report to the department.
- Provide an attestation to the department that you have sufficient knowledge of the [code](#) and board's [rules](#) to competently practice pharmacy in this state.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR THOSE LICENSED IN A PROVINCE OF CANADA (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Establish that you are currently licensed, and that your license is currently in good standing as a pharmacist in Canada.
- Arrange to have passing NAPLEX scores sent to this office from the National Association of Board of Pharmacy (NABP) OR arrange to have passing Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Pharmacists Qualifying Examination scores, parts I and II, sent to this office.
- Provide an attestation to the department that you have sufficient knowledge of the [code](#) and board's [rules](#) to competently practice pharmacy in this state.

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- Graduates of a pharmacy education program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) must forward the Certificate of Pharmacy Education form to your school of pharmacy to request verification of pharmacy education and internship hours granted. **The Certificate of Pharmacy Education must be sent directly from your college to this office.**
- Applicants who have held a pharmacist license for less than 1 year in Canada must have acquired a minimum of 1,600 hours of pharmacy practice either through an approved internship or hours engaged in the practice as a pharmacist.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIST RELICENSURE WHEN THE MICHIGAN LICENSE HAS BEEN LAPSED FOR 3 YEARS OR LESS (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPLUS Login**, select **“Modification”** next to your license number and then select **“Relicensure.”**
- Upload proof of having completed 30 hours of continuing education in board-approved courses or programs completed during the 2-year period immediately preceding your application for relicensure.
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education earned in the area of pain management.
 - A minimum of 10 hours of live courses or programs that provide for direct interaction between faculty and participants.
 - An applicant may not earn more than 12 hours of continuing education in a 24-hour period.
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education in pharmacy ethics and pharmacy law.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIST RELICENSURE WHEN THE MICHIGAN LICENSE HAS BEEN LAPSED FOR MORE THAN 3 YEARS BUT LESS THAN 8 YEARS (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPLUS Login**, select **“Modification”** next to your license number and then select **“Relicensure.”**
- Provide an attestation to the department that you have sufficient knowledge of the code and board’s rules to competently practice pharmacy in this state.
- Upload proof of having completed 30 hours of continuing education in board-approved courses or programs completed during the 2-year period immediately preceding your application for relicensure.
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education earned in the area of pain and symptom management.
 - A minimum of 10 hours of live courses or programs that provide for direct interaction between faculty and participants.
 - An applicant may not earn more than 12 hours of continuing education in a 24-hour period.
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education in pharmacy ethics and pharmacy law.

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- If you are not currently licensed as a pharmacist in another state or province of Canada, within 6 months of being granted a limited license, complete a program of practical pharmacy experience of not less than 200 hours as follows:
 - The individual shall practice under the personal charge of a currently licensed Michigan pharmacist.
 - Upon completion of the required practical experience, the supervising pharmacist shall forward to the Bureau a verification of the applicant's completion of the hours. The practical experience must include the professional and clinical experience in the following areas:
 - Pharmacy administration and management.
 - Drug distribution, use, and control.
 - Legal requirements.
 - Providing health information services and advising patients.
 - Pharmacist's ethical and professional responsibilities.
 - Drug and product information.
 - Evaluating drug therapies and preventing or correcting drug-related issues.
 - If completed in Michigan, the program of practical pharmacy experience shall only be done while licensed as a Pharmacist-Temporary. Applicants will be granted a temporary license after applying for relicensure.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIST RELICENSURE WHEN THE MICHIGAN LICENSE HAS BEEN LAPSED FOR 8 YEARS OR MORE (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPLUS Login**, select **"Modification"** next to your license number and then select **"Relicensure."**
- Provide an attestation to the department that you have sufficient knowledge of the code and board's rules to competently practice pharmacy in this state.
- Prior to submitting an online application for licensure, you must retake and have obtained a passing score on the NAPLEX. An applicant that fails to pass the NAPLEX shall wait not less than 45 days to retest or comply with the current waiting period established by NABP, whichever is longer. An applicant that has not achieved a passing score on the NAPLEX may not take the NAPLEX more than 3 times in a 12-month period. An applicant who fails to pass the NAPLEX within 3 attempts, shall request preapproval from the department, of a live or interactive examination preparation course, or instruction with an instructor with expertise on the subject matter, for the examination that he or she failed. After participating in the course or instruction the applicant shall provide the department with proof that he or she completed the course or instruction. An applicant may not sit for the NAPLEX more than 5 times unless he or she successfully repeats an ACPE-accredited pharmacy education program and provides proof of completion. Contact the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for more information at <https://nabp.pharmacy>.
- Upload proof of having completed 30 hours of continuing education in board-approved courses or programs completed during the 2-year period immediately preceding your application for relicensure.
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education earned in the area of pain and symptom management.
 - A minimum of 10 hours of live courses or programs that provide for direct interaction between faculty and participants.
 - An applicant may not earn more than 12 hours of continuing education in a 24-hour period.
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education in pharmacy ethics and pharmacy law.

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- If you are not currently licensed as a pharmacist in another state or province of Canada, within 6 months of being granted a limited license, complete a program of practical pharmacy experience of not less than 400 hours as follows:
 - The individual shall practice under the personal charge of a currently licensed Michigan pharmacist.
 - Upon completion of the required practical experience, the supervising pharmacist shall forward to the Bureau a verification of the applicant's completion of the hours. The practical experience must include the professional and clinical experience in the following areas:
 - Pharmacy administration and management.
 - Drug distribution, use, and control.
 - Legal requirements.
 - Providing health information services and advising patients.
 - Pharmacist's ethical and professional responsibilities.
 - Drug and product information.
 - Evaluating drug therapies and preventing or correcting drug-related issues.
 - If completed in Michigan, the program of practical pharmacy experience shall only be done while licensed as a Pharmacist-Temporary. Applicants will be granted a temporary license after applying for relicensure.

PHARMACIST PRECEPTOR APPLICATION

- An applicant for a pharmacist preceptor specialty must have held an unrestricted Michigan pharmacist license for at least one year and have been engaged in the practice of pharmacy in Michigan for at least one year.

The preceptor specialty application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPLUS Login**, select “**Modification**” next to your pharmacist license number and then select “**Pharmacist Preceptor Application.**”

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application For Pharmacist Renewal – Can be completed by visiting <http://www.michigan.gov/miplus>.
- Renewal Application Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit or debit card.):

Pharmacist Renewal Application Fee: \$61.20
Controlled Substance Renewal Application Fee: \$165.40
- Renewal Cycle: 2 years
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking license renewal.

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- Disciplinary Question – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to having sanctions imposed against you by a similar licensure, registration, certification, or disciplinary board of another state or country you have not previously reported to the department.
- Human Trafficking Training – A licensee seeking renewal must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.511 prior to renewing their license. The training must only be completed one time.
- Implicit Bias Training – A licensee seeking renewal must have completed a minimum of 1 hour of implicit bias training for each year of the applicant’s license cycle. For the first renewal on or after June 1, 2022, licensees will only need to have 1 hour for each year since the rule’s promulgation date of June 1, 2021.
- If you hold a controlled substance license, it will be automatically renewed and the renewal fee charged along with your pharmacist license unless you uncheck the controlled substance license during the renewal process.
- Opioids and Controlled Substances Awareness Training – By the end of the renewal cycle that begins after January 4, 2019, all controlled substance licensees or individuals who are licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances must certify on their renewal application prior to renewing their license that they have completed training in opioids and controlled substances awareness that meets the standards established in Administrative Rule 338.3135.
- Accept Renewal Attestation - By accepting the renewal attestation you as the licensee are certifying that you have met the following continuing education requirements during the renewal period and all information provided on your renewal application is true and correct:
 - If licensed during the full 2- year renewal cycle:
 - 30 hours of continuing education in board-approved courses or programs completed during the 2-year renewal period, which includes:
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education earned in the area of pain and symptom management.
 - A minimum of 10 hours of live courses or programs that provide for direct interaction between faculty and participants.
 - An applicant may not earn more than 12 hours of continuing education in a 24-hour period.
 - A minimum of 1 hour of continuing education in pharmacy ethics and pharmacy law.
- Additional information regarding continuing education can be found by accessing the Administrative Rules for Pharmacy at: www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and click on the pharmacy link.

HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- By visiting www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and clicking on the pharmacy link you can access the following helpful resources and forms:

Resources:

- [Michigan Public Health Code](#)
 - [Administrative Rules for Pharmacy](#)
- Track continuing education using CE Broker - The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) has partnered with CE Broker to help licensed professionals keep track of their continuing education (CE) credits. Additional information can be found on our [website](#).