STATE OF WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES

: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 03-005)

ORDER

An order of the Pharmacy Examining Board to amend Phar 2.03 (4) relating to admission requirements for all required professional examinations.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 450.02 (3) (d), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 450.03 (2) and 450.04 (3), Stats.

The objective of this amendment is to make admission requirements for all required professional examinations consistent to simplify and streamline the application process. Section Phar 2.03 (4) currently permits an applicant to be admitted to the practical examination only after completion of the applicant's internship in the practice of pharmacy. Admission to the NAPLEX and multistate pharmacy jurisprudence examination is permitted if the applicant has obtained certification by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee and being within 360 credit hours of completing an internship in the practice of pharmacy or 60 days before graduation from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the board. The different requirement for admission to the practical examination potentially penalize applicants who are otherwise professionally prepared to take the practical examination under the same requirements for the other two required professional examinations. This amendment makes the requirements for the practical examination the same as the requirements for the NAPLEX and the multi-state pharmacy jurisprudence examination.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Phar 2.03 (4) is amended to read:

Phar 2.03 (4) An applicant for licensure as a pharmacist shall not be eligible to be admitted to the <u>practical examination</u>, NAPLEX or the multi-state pharmacy jurisprudence examination prior to obtaining certification by the foreign pharmacy graduate examination committee and being <u>either</u> within 360 credit hours of completing an internship in the practice of pharmacy or 60 days before graduation from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the board. An applicant may not be admitted to the practical examination before the test date which immediately follows completion of the applicant's internship in the practice of pharmacy.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)		
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.), Wis. State		
Dated	Agency	
	.	Chairperson Pharmacy Examining Board
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