

Instructions to obtain a Foreign Graduate License

FPGEC Certification:

Candidates must pass the FPGEE (Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination) and the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Internet-based Test (i BT). A minimum passing score of **75** is required on the FPGEE.

Application:

Candidates should submit the Application for Pharmacist Examination available on the TN Board of Pharmacy website at: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pharmacy-board/pharmacy-board/applications.html>. A copy of the FPGEC certificate should be submitted with the application.

You must provide your social security number on the application for it to be complete. State law requires social security number on this application. TCA § 36-5-1301 (a), as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 405 (c)(2)(c)(i). The number will be used to verify your identity and for any other purpose allowed by state or federal law.

Internship Hours:

Foreign pharmacy graduates shall complete five (500) hours of pharmacy internship in Tennessee within a period of six (6) consecutive months prior to licensure. Those who have acquired their entire seventeen hundred (1700) hours in the State of Tennessee will not be required to obtain an additional five hundred (500) hours in Tennessee.

**Tennessee will accept up to twelve hundred (1200) hours obtained from any state within the US.

Fee/Payment methods:

The application fee is 235.00. You may make the personal/business check or money order payable to the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy. If paying for an online application you may pay with a debit, credit card or e-check. Fees submitted to the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy are non-refundable.

**** ALL APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Mandatory Practitioner Profile (Consumer Right to Know Act):

Complete and submit along with your application the *Practitioner Profile Questionnaire* which is online at <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pharmacy-board/pharmacy-board/applications.html>. You required by law to update your profile within 30 days of any change as long as you have an active license. Failure to do so may subject you to disciplinary action.

Declaration of Citizenship:

All applicants must complete the Declaration of Citizenship form. No application will be processed without the form. A copy of a valid identification is also required. Non US citizens must submit two forms of a valid unexpired identification listed on page two of the form. The form must be mailed into the board office.

Criminal Background Check:

Tennessee requires a criminal background check for all new applicants. If you are in Tennessee, you may log onto <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/health-professionals/criminal-background-check/background-checks.html> . If you are out of state a finger print packet will be mailed to you upon receipt of your application.

Examinations:

You must successfully take and pass the North American Pharmacist Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). You may register and pay for both exams at www.nabp.pharmacy.