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TO: Pharmacist Licensure Applicants
FROM: Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy
RE: Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE®)

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board) advises all applicants for licensure as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by examination, score transfer, reciprocity or reinstatement, to review the reference sources listed below to prepare for the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).

This reference document with related web site links may be accessed on the Board's web site at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-pharmacist-license>

THE MULTISTATE PHARMACY JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION (MPJE)

The MPJE is a 2 ½ hour, computer-adaptive examination developed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for use by state boards of pharmacy. The MPJE is based in a nationally uniform content blueprint with questions that are tailored to assess the pharmacy jurisprudence requirements of individual states.

Utilizing the MPJE enables the boards of pharmacy to fulfill one aspect of their mission to safeguard the public health and welfare by allowing candidates to demonstrate their ability to meet the responsibilities of pharmacy practice.

The MPJE consists of 120 multiple-choice questions, 20 of which are designated as pre-test questions that do not affect the candidate's score. The examination content blueprint, which is the percentage of questions asked in each of the MPJE competency areas, is uniform for all candidates. For additional information regarding the MPJE Competency Statements (blueprint), consult the NAPLEX/MPJE Registration Bulletin available on-line at: <https://nabp.pharmacy/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NAPLEX-MPJE-Bulletin-March-2019.pdf>

The MPJE is administered by Pearson VUE at its Pearson Professional Centers. After you receive your Authorization to Test (ATT) letter, visit: www.pearsonvue.com/nabp or call Pearson VUE Customer Service at (888) 709-2679 to schedule an appointment.

You may view websites as below or obtain copies of 247 CMR and 105 CMR 700.00 - 722.00 for a fee by requesting the “Pharmacy Package” from the following address:

Secretary of the Commonwealth
State Bookstore
State House, Room 116
Boston, MA 02133
Telephone: (617) 727-2834
Fax: (617) 973-4858
Email: bookstore@sec.state.ma.us

Note: The Executive Office of Administration and Finance regulations 801 CMR Sections 1.00 – 3.00 that are included in this package are **not** included on the MPJE.

Board of Registration in Pharmacy Regulations: 247 CMR

The Board’s regulations may be accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/200-299cmr/247cmr.html>

Board of Registration in Pharmacy: Policies

Policies are adopted in an attempt to clarify statutes and/or regulations which may appear unclear, or which may not lend themselves to various practice settings. Circular letters are similar to Board policies, but are published by the Drug Control Program. Both policies and circular letters are enforceable and may be accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/pharmacy/pharmacy-regs/policies/>

Department of Public Health Regulations: 105 CMR Sections 700.00 - 722.00

These regulations pertain to hospital pharmacies, mandated interchange, product labeling, prescription format and security standards:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/dph/regs-cmr/public-health-regulations-105-cmr-700-799.html>

Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapters 13, 112 and 94C

In addition to the website, Massachusetts General Laws may also be viewed at the State House Library or any public or Massachusetts school/college of pharmacy library:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/Search>

(Insert chapter and section into search field – for example, Chapter 94C, section 33(b))

M.G.L. c. 13 sections 22 – 25A

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleII/Chapter13>

M.G.L. c. 112 sections 24 – 42D

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVI/Chapter112>

M.G.L. c. 94C section 1 - 40 (Massachusetts Controlled Substances Act)

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXV/Chapter94C>

OTHER STUDY MATERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine “Prescribing Practices: Policies & Guidelines”:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/borim/policies-guidelines/policy-15-05.pdf>

Title 21 of Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1300 – 1321:

This section contains federal laws and regulations. For copies, contact the U.S. Government Publishing Office (Tel. (202) 512-1800) or access here:

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/cfr/index.html>

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) - Pharmacist’s Manual:

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/pharm2/>

Poison Prevention Packaging Act 16 CFR 1700:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title16-vol2/pdf/CFR-2012-title16-vol2-part1700.pdf>

Prescription Drug Marketing Act:

<https://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/lawsenforcedbyfda/significantamendmentstotheFDCAct/prescriptiondrugmarketingactof1987/default.htm>

Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA):

<https://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/lawsenforcedbyfda/federalfooddrugandcosmeticactFDCAct/default.htm>

FDA regulations governing labeling directions:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=82ebc98617b5fa36d9ea373775750b48&mc=true&node=pt21.4.201&rgn=div5>

FDA regulations governing Patient Package Inserts:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=82ebc98617b5fa36d9ea373775750b48&mc=true&node=pt21.5.310&rgn=div5>

FDA regulations governing Recalls:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=82ebc98617b5fa36d9ea373775750b48&mc=true&node=pt21.1.7&rgn=div5#sp21.1.7>

FDA statutes governing Misbranding:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title21/html/USCODE-2010-title21-chap9-subchapV-partA-sec352.html>

FDA statutes governing Adulterated Drugs:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title21/html/USCODE-2010-title21-chap9-subchapV-partA-sec351.htm>

NABP Pharmacist Resources:

<https://nabp.pharmacy/initiatives/awarxe/pharmacist-resources/>

USP:

<http://www.usp.org/>

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