What Does NABP Mean to You?

It’s Your Path to Licensure...

NAPLEX
You’ve graduated and are ready to apply for your license. One of your next steps is taking the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX®). The examination was developed by NABP® at the request of our members, the state boards of pharmacy, so that there would be one uniform examination to assess graduates’ competence to practice pharmacy. Originally implemented in 1976 with 44 states participating, today the NAPLEX is taken by every pharmacy graduate in the United States as well as District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Pre-NAPLEX
Understanding the huge impact that the NAPLEX has on your potential licensure, NABP developed the Pre-NAPLEX® to familiarize you with the NAPLEX testing experience. This practice examination is the only one developed and administered by NABP. Taking the Pre-NAPLEX offers you an opportunity to assess your ability, knowledge, and judgment as an entry-level pharmacist. The questions on the Pre-NAPLEX are actual questions that have previously appeared on the NAPLEX. Once you complete the Pre-NAPLEX you will receive an estimated, scaled score report. (Please note that the score received may not be the actual score attained, nor is it a guarantee of passing the actual NAPLEX.)

MPJE
Nearly every board of pharmacy requires passage of a pharmacy law examination and 46 boards currently use the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE®), which is administered by NABP. So when you are registering for the NAPLEX, don’t forget to sign up for the MPJE, too. The MPJE combines state and federal law questions designed to assess your pharmacy law knowledge specific to the state in which you are testing. The MPJE is based on a nationally uniform blueprint with input from state boards of pharmacy on state-specific questions.

Score Transfer
Today, more and more employers are requiring pharmacists to be licensed in multiple states. NABP offers an easy way for your NAPLEX score to be provided to multiple states with the Score Transfer Program. When registering for the NAPLEX, simply identify the additional states to which you would like your NAPLEX score transferred. If you participate in the Score Transfer Program and fulfill all other requirements for licensure in the state(s) to which you transfer your score, you will be awarded a license. (Please note that score transfer requests must be submitted at least five days before the NAPLEX is to be taken.)

Licensure Transfer
You never know where life will take you, and if it takes you to a new state, NABP can help you reciprocate your license there. The Electronic Licensure Transfer Program® (ELTP®) enables licensed pharmacists to reciprocate their existing license from one state to another. Every state, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands require pharmacists to utilize ELTP to reciprocate their license. This program assists the boards of pharmacy, serving as a national clearinghouse that screens the ELTP applicant’s current and past licenses for disciplinary actions and verifies background information.

For more details including board restrictions, or to register for any of the examinations or programs, visit www.nabp.net. Or call Customer Service at 847/391-4406.