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**PHARMACISTS—LICENSING**

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**DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER**

246-863-050	Licensed pharmacists change of address. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 93-10-007 (Order 357B), § 246-863-050, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-050, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 89-23-078, § 360-12-110, filed 11/17/89, effective 12/18/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(11). WSR 79-10-007 (Order 151, Resolution No. 9/79), § 360-12-110, filed 9/6/79; Regulation 5, filed 3/23/60.] Repealed by WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280.
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**WAC 246-863-020 Examinations.** (1) The examination for licensure as a pharmacist shall be known as the full board examination in such form as may be determined by the board.

(2) The score required to pass the examination shall be 75. In addition, the score achieved in the jurisprudence section of the exam shall be no lower than 75.

(3) An examinee failing the jurisprudence section of the full board examination shall be allowed to retake the jurisprudence section at a time and place to be specified by the board.

(4) An examinee who fails the jurisprudence examination three times shall not be eligible for further examination until he or she has satisfactorily completed a pharmacy law course provided by a college of pharmacy or board directed study or tutorial program approved by the board.

(5) A person taking the licensing examination in another state for the purpose of score transfer to Washington shall be required to meet the same licensure requirements as a person taking the licensing examination in Washington. All of the documentation, fees, intern hours and reports shall be submitted. In order for the score transfer application to be valid, the licensing process must be completed within one year of the date the score transfer notification is received in the board office.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 94-08-099, § 246-863-020, filed 4/6/94, effective 5/7/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-020, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 89-22-045, § 360-12-015, filed 10/30/89, effective 11/30/89; WSR 87-18-066 (Order 207), § 360-12-015, filed 9/2/87. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(1) and 18.64.080. WSR 84-04-029 (Order 183), § 360-12-015, filed 1/25/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 69.50.201. WSR 79-04-048 (Order 147, Resolution No. 3-79), § 360-12-015, filed 3/27/79.]

**WAC 246-863-030 Applicants—Reciprocity applicants.** (1) Applicants for license by reciprocity whose applications have been approved shall be required to take and pass the jurisprudence examination given by the board prior to being issued his or her license. The jurisprudence examination shall be offered at least once in every two months. If the licensing process has not been completed within two years of the date of application, the application shall be considered abandoned.

(2) An applicant for license by reciprocity who has been out of the active practice of pharmacy for between three and five years must take and pass the jurisprudence examination and additionally must either serve an internship of 300 hours or take and pass such additional practical examinations as may be specified by the board in each individual case.

(3) An applicant for license by reciprocity who has been out of the active practice of pharmacy for over five years must take and pass the full board examination and serve an internship of 300 hours.

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**WAC 246-863-035 Temporary permits.** (1) A temporary practice permit to practice pharmacy may be issued to an applicant who meets all of the requirements and qualifications for the license, except the results of the fingerprint-based national background check, if required.

(2) A temporary practice permit to practice pharmacy may be issued to an applicant who:

(a) Holds an unrestricted, active license by examination in another state which participates in the license transfer or reciprocity process;

(b) Has completed a Washington application for pharmacist license by transfer or reciprocity;

(c) Has submitted pharmacist license application fees;

(d) Has passed the Washington state jurisprudence exam;

(e) Is not subject to denial of a license or issuance of a conditional or restricted license; and

(f) Does not have a criminal record in Washington state.

(3) A temporary practice permit grants the individual the full scope of practice of pharmacy, except the ability to qualify as a responsible pharmacist manager.

(4) A temporary practice permit expires when any one of the following occurs:

(a) The license is granted;

(b) A notice of decision on the application is mailed to the applicant, unless the notice of decision specifically extends the duration of the temporary practice permit; or

(c) One hundred eighty days after the temporary practice permit is issued.

(5) To receive a temporary practice permit, the applicant must submit the fingerprint card, a written request for a temporary practice permit, and applicable fees.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.075, 18.130.064, 18.64.005 and 18.64.080. WSR 10-23-080, § 246-863-035, filed 11/15/10, effective 12/16/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 92-23-058 (Order 317B), § 246-863-035, filed 11/17/92, effective 12/18/92.]

**WAC 246-863-040 Foreign-trained applicants.** (1) Applicants whose academic training in pharmacy has been obtained from institutions in foreign countries, wishing to be licensed as pharmacists in the state of Washington shall take and pass the foreign pharmacy graduate equivalency examination prepared by the foreign pharmacy graduate education commission and shall have received an educational equivalency certificate from that commission.

(2) In addition, prior to licensure they shall pass the Washington state board of pharmacy full board examination and meet its internship requirements.

(3) Applicants whose academic training in pharmacy has been obtained from institutions in foreign countries and whose credentials are such that no further education is necessary must earn a total of 1500 intern hours before licensure. The applicant must earn at least 1200 intern hours before taking the full board examination: Provided, That the board may, for good cause shown, waive the required 1500 hours.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-040, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 84-03-015 (Order 180), § 360-12-065, filed 1/9/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 69.50.201. WSR 79-04-048 (Order 147, Resolution No. 3-79), § 360-12-065, filed 3/27/79; Order 122, § 360-12-065, filed 9/30/74.]

**WAC 246-863-060 Licensed pharmacists—Employed as responsible managers—Duty to notify board.** Licensed pharmacists employed as responsible managers for a pharmacy shall at once notify the state board of pharmacy of such employment and shall comply with such instructions as may be received. A pharmacist shall also at once notify the state board of pharmacy of termination of employment as a responsible manager. Please refer to WAC 246-869-070 for additional information.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 92-12-035 (Order 277B), § 246-863-060, filed 5/28/92, effective 6/28/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-060, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(11). WSR 79-10-007 (Order 151, Resolution No. 9/79), § 360-12-120, filed 9/6/79; Regulation 8, filed 3/23/60.]

**WAC 246-863-070 Inactive credential.** (1) A pharmacist may obtain an inactive credential. Refer to the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(2) Practitioners with an inactive credential for three years or less who wish to return to active status must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(3) Practitioners with an inactive credential for more than three years, who have been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, and wish to return to active status must:

(a) Submit verification of active practice from any other United States jurisdiction;

(b) Take and pass the jurisprudence examination given by the department;

(c) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(4) Practitioners with an inactive credential for between three and five years, who have not been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, and wish to return to active status must:

(a) Take and pass the jurisprudence examination given by the department;

(b) Either serve an internship of 300 hours or take and pass such further written practical examinations as specified by the board in each individual case;

(c) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(5) Practitioners with an inactive credential for over five years, who have not been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, and wish to return to active status must:

(a) Take and pass the full board examination;

(b) Serve an internship of 300 hours;

(c) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

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**WAC 246-863-080 Retired pharmacist license.** (1) Any pharmacist who has been licensed in the state for twenty-five consecutive years, who wishes to retire from the practice of pharmacy, may apply for a retired pharmacist license by submitting to the board:

(a) An application on a form provided by the department; and

(b) A fee as specified in WAC 246-907-030.

(2) The holder of a retired pharmacist license shall not be authorized to practice pharmacy and need not comply with the continuing education requirements of chapter 246-861 WAC.

(3) A retired pharmacist license shall be granted to any qualified applicant and shall entitle such person to receive mailings from the board of pharmacy: Provided, That lawbook updates shall not be mailed without charge.

(4) In order to reactivate a retired pharmacist license, the holder must comply with the provision of WAC 246-863-090 and chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(5) The annual renewal fee for a retired pharmacist license is set by the secretary in WAC 246-907-030.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-863-080, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 92-12-035 (Order 277B), § 246-863-080, filed 5/28/92, effective 6/28/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-19-028 (Order 194), recodified as § 246-863-080, filed 9/10/91, effective 10/11/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250. WSR 91-13-002 (Order 173), § 360-12-128, filed 6/6/91, effective 7/7/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(11). WSR 86-24-057 (Order 203), § 360-12-128, filed 12/2/86.]

**WAC 246-863-090 Expired license.** (1) If the license has expired for three years or less, the practitioner must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) If the license has expired for more than three years, and the practitioner has been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, the practitioner must:

(a) Submit verification of active practice from any other United States jurisdiction;

(b) Take and pass the jurisprudence examination given by the department;

(c) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(3) If the license has expired for between three and five years, and the practitioner has not been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, the practitioner must:

(a) Take and pass the jurisprudence examination given by the department;

(b) Either serve an internship of 300 hours or take and pass such further written practical examinations as specified by the board in each individual case;

(c) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(4) If the license has expired for over five years, and the practitioner has not been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, the practitioner must:

(a) Take and pass the full board examination;

(b) Serve an internship of 300 hours;

(c) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-863-090, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 92-12-035 (Order 277B), § 246-863-090, filed 5/28/92, effective 6/28/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-090, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.140. WSR 85-06-010 (Order 193), § 360-12-130, filed 2/22/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 69.50.201. WSR 79-04-048 (Order 147, Resolution No. 3-79), § 360-12-130, filed 3/27/79; Regulation 2, filed 3/23/60.]

**WAC 246-863-095 Pharmacist's professional responsibilities.** (1) A pharmacist's primary responsibility is to ensure patients receive safe and appropriate medication therapy.

(2) A pharmacist shall not delegate the following professional responsibilities:

(a) Receipt of a verbal prescription other than refill authorization from a prescriber.

(b) Consultation with the patient regarding the prescription, both prior to and after the prescription filling and/or regarding any information contained in a patient medication record system provided that this shall not prohibit pharmacy ancillary personnel from providing to the patient or the patient's health care giver certain information where no professional judgment is required such as dates of refills or prescription price information.

(c) Consultation with the prescriber regarding the patient and the patient's prescription.

(d) Extemporaneous compounding of the prescription, however, bulk compounding from a formula and IV admixture products prepared in accordance with chapter 246-871 WAC may be performed by a pharmacy technician when supervised by a pharmacist.

(e) Interpretation of data in a patient medication record system.

(f) Ultimate responsibility for all aspects of the completed prescription and assumption of the responsibility for the filled prescription, such as: Accuracy of drug, strength, labeling, proper container and other requirements.

(g) Dispense prescriptions to patient with proper patient information as required by WAC 246-869-220.

(h) Signing of the poison register and the Schedule V controlled substance registry book at the time of sale in accordance with RCW 69.38.030 and WAC 246-887-030 and any other item required by law, rule or regulation to be signed or initialed by a pharmacist.

(i) Professional communications with physicians, dentists, nurses and other health care practitioners.

(j) Decision to not dispense lawfully prescribed drugs or devices or to not distribute drugs and devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for restricted distribution by pharmacies.

(3) Utilizing personnel to assist the pharmacist.

(a) The responsible pharmacist manager shall retain all professional and personal responsibility for any assisted tasks performed by personnel under his or her responsibility, as shall the pharmacy employing such personnel. The responsible pharmacist manager shall determine the extent to which personnel may be utilized to assist the pharmacist and shall assure that the pharmacist is fulfilling his or her supervisory and professional responsibilities.

(b) This does not preclude delegation to an intern or extern.

(4) It is considered unprofessional conduct for any person authorized to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy to engage in any of the following:

(a) Destroy unfilled lawful prescription;

(b) Refuse to return unfilled lawful prescriptions;

(c) Violate a patient's privacy;

(d) Discriminate against patients or their agent in a manner prohibited by state or federal laws; and

(e) Intimidate or harass a patient.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005, 18.130.050, 18.64.165, 18.130.180. WSR 07-14-025, § 246-863-095, filed 6/25/07, effective 7/26/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 96-02-005, § 246-863-095, filed 12/20/95, effective 1/20/96.]

**WAC 246-863-100 Pharmacist prescriptive authority—Prior board notification of written guideline or protocol required.** (1) A pharma-

cist planning to exercise prescriptive authority in his or her practice (see RCW 18.64.011(11)) by initiating or modifying drug therapy in accordance with written guidelines or protocols previously established and approved for his or her practice by a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs must have on file at his/her place of practice a properly prepared written guideline or protocol indicating approval has been granted by a practitioner authorized to prescribe. A copy of the written guideline or protocol must also be on file with the board of pharmacy.

(2) For purposes of pharmacist prescriptive authority under RCW 18.64.011(11), a written guideline or protocol is defined as an agreement in which any practitioner authorized to prescribe legend drugs delegates to a pharmacist or group of pharmacists authority to conduct specified prescribing functions. Any modification of the written guideline or protocol shall be treated as a new protocol. It shall include:

(a) A statement identifying the practitioner authorized to prescribe and the pharmacist(s) who are party to the agreement. The practitioner authorized to prescribe must be in active practice, and the authority granted must be within the scope of the practitioners' current practice.

(b) A time period not to exceed 2 years during which the written guideline or protocol will be in effect.

(c) A statement of the type of prescriptive authority decisions which the pharmacist(s) is (are) authorized to make, which includes:

(i) A statement of the types of diseases, drugs, or drug categories involved, and the type of prescriptive authority activity (e.g., modification or initiation of drug therapy) authorized in each case.

(ii) A general statement of the procedures, decision criteria, or plan the pharmacist(s) is (are) to follow when making therapeutic decisions, particularly when modification or initiation of drug therapy is involved.

(d) A statement of the activities pharmacist(s) is (are) to follow in the course of exercising prescriptive authority, including documentation of decisions made, and a plan for communication or feedback to the authorizing practitioner concerning specific decisions made. Documentation may occur on the prescription record, patient drug profile, patient medical chart, or in a separate log book.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-100, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(11). WSR 81-19-086 (Order 163, Resolution No. 8/81), § 360-12-140, filed 9/17/81. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 (4) and (11). WSR 80-08-035 (Order 155, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-12-140, filed 6/26/80, effective 9/30/80.]

**WAC 246-863-110 Monitoring of drug therapy by pharmacists.** The term "monitoring drug therapy" used in RCW 18.64.011(11) shall mean a review of the drug therapy regimen of patients by a pharmacist for the purpose of evaluating and rendering advice to the prescribing practitioner regarding adjustment of the regimen. Monitoring of drug therapy shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Collecting and reviewing patient drug use histories;

(2) Measuring and reviewing routine patient vital signs including, but not limited to, pulse, temperature, blood pressure and respiration; and

(3) Ordering and evaluating the results of laboratory tests relating to drug therapy including, but not limited to, blood chemistries and cell counts, drug levels in blood, urine, tissue or other body fluids, and culture and sensitivity tests when performed in accordance with policies and procedures or protocols applicable to the practice setting, which have been developed by the pharmacist and prescribing practitioners and which include appropriate mechanisms for reporting to the prescriber monitoring activities and results.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-110, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 87-18-066 (Order 207), § 360-12-150, filed 9/2/87. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and 69.41.075. WSR 83-20-053 (Order 176), § 360-12-150, filed 9/29/83. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and 69.41.240. WSR 83-10-013 (Order 174), § 360-12-150, filed 4/26/83.]

**WAC 246-863-120 AIDS prevention and information education requirements.** Applicants must complete seven clock hours of AIDS education as required in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-863-120, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-863-120, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 88-23-058 (Order 221), § 360-12-160, filed 11/15/88.]