

Notice to Applicants for the California Pharmacist Licensure Examination

California pharmacy law limits the number of times a person may attempt to pass the state's pharmacist licensure examination. Applicants who do not pass the examination after four attempts

are not eligible to take additional examinations until they complete at least 16 semester units of education in pharmacy. The laws that establish these requirements are provided below.

California Business and Professions Code, Section 4200.1

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant may take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination four times, and may take the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists four times.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant may take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists four additional times each if he or she successfully completes, at a minimum, 16 additional semester units of education in pharmacy as approved by the board.
- (c) The applicant shall comply with the requirements of Section 4200 for each application for reexamination made pursuant to subdivision (b).
- (d) An applicant may use the same coursework to satisfy the additional educational requirement for each examination under subdivision (b), if the coursework was completed within 12 months of the date of his or her application for reexamination.
- (e) For purposes of this section, the board shall treat each failing score on the pharmacist licensure examination administered by the board prior to January 1, 2004, as a failing score on both the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists.

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS - Title 16, Division 17

1725. Acceptable Pharmacy Coursework For Examination Candidates With Four Failed Attempts

- (a) Coursework that meets the requirements of section 4200.1 of the Business and Professions Code is any pharmacy coursework offered by a pharmacy school approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or recognized by the board.
- (b) A final examination must be a part of the course of study.
- (c) When a candidate applies for reexamination after four failed attempts, he or she shall furnish evidence of successful completion of at least 16 semester units or the equivalent of pharmacy coursework. Evidence of successful completion must be posted on a transcript from the pharmacy school sent directly to the board.