



PHARMACISTS

Pharmacists work in hospitals, community practice, pharmaceutical industries, government administration and wholesale trade. They monitor drug therapy, counsel patients on proper drug use, prepare and dispense drugs, provide information on drugs, conduct drug reviews, and do research and marketing.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A professional undergraduate degree (bachelor's degree) is required from a university approved by The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada and the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association.

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

There are no work experience requirements for the purpose of credential assessment.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Step One

To become a licensed Pharmacist in Manitoba an individual must first apply to **The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC)**. The applicant must submit:

- a completed *Application for Document Evaluation* (available from PEBC);
- certified copies of immigration documents, birth certificate, marriage certificate or a Canadian Citizenship card;
- original university degrees or certificates;
- two recent photographs; and
- a document evaluation fee of \$500.00.

If documents are in other than English or French, notarized translations are required.

In addition, the applicant must ensure that:

- an official transcript (i.e. a list of courses taken and grades obtained) is mailed from the university attended, directly to the PEBC office; and
- a letter, stating that the applicant's license to practice pharmacy is in good standing in the country where the license is held, is mailed from that licensing body directly to the PEBC office.

If the *Application for Document Evaluation* meets the standards established by PEBC, the applicant will be required to successfully complete the PEBC *Evaluating Examination* (Fee is \$485.00). Once successful on the PEBC *Evaluating Examination*, both parts of the *Qualifying Examination* must be completed and is required of **all** individuals wishing to become practicing Pharmacists in Canada. Fee for the written exam is \$300.00, for the oral exam (OSCE) \$1,350.00. The *Qualifying Examination* is offered in the spring and fall and the *Evaluating Examination* is offered summer and winter. Some of these examinations can be written in Manitoba.

If the applicant is successful in completing the evaluation process, the *Qualifying Examination*, and the *Evaluating Examination* they will be granted a Certificate of Qualification. Please note, this certificate alone does not confer the right to practice in Canada.

Step Two

A candidate must then apply to the **Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association (MPhA)** to obtain a Practising Licence in Manitoba. They must submit:

- a completed MPhA application form (available from MPhA);
- a registration fee of \$446.25 plus \$26.77 G.S.T.;
- a letter, stating that the applicant's license to practice pharmacy is in good standing in the country where the license is held;

- A certified record from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that the applicant does not have a record of conviction under the *Criminal Code* (Canada), the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada), the *Food and Drugs Act* (Canada); and
- one passport size photograph.

The applicant must meet requirements for language proficiency, either in French or English. The following tests and scores are acceptable:

Tests for skills in:	Option #1	Option #2	Option #3	Option #4	Option #5
Reading	TOEFL Score: 580	C-TOEFL Score: 237	CanTEST Score: 4.5	MELAB Score: 85	IELTS Score: 6 in this module. Overall score of 7
Writing	TWE Score: 5	ERS Score: 5	CanTEST Score: 4.5	MELAB Score: 85	IELTS Score: 6 in this module. Overall score of 7
Listening	TOEFL Score 580	C-TOEFL Score: 237	CanTEST Score: 4.5	MELAB Score: 85	IELTS Score: 6 in this module. Overall score of 7
Speaking	TSE Score: 50	TSE Score: 50	CanTEST Score: 4.5	TSE Score: 50	IELTS Score: 6 In this module Overall score of 7

A case-by-case assessment is then done by MPhA to determine whether or not an applicant must complete an internship. Internships are 360 hours in length. Applicants must then successfully pass a *Jurisprudence Examination* (Fee is \$150.00).

Finally, all Pharmacists are required to pay an annual licence fee of \$607.00 + GST. When all requirements have been successfully completed and fees have been paid the candidate is given a licence to practice as a Pharmacist in the province of Manitoba.

The fees, documentation requirements, and assessment process detailed above are subject to change without notice. For more detailed information contact:

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