

CPJE and NAPLEX Passing Score – How long are my results valid?

Effective January 1, 2020, section 4200(a)(6) of the Business and Professions Code is amended to define that the Board may issue a pharmacist license to an applicant who meets the following:

CPJE

- Has passed a version of the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE) for Pharmacists that, at the time of application for licensure, was based on an occupational analysis that is either current or that was replaced by another occupational analysis no more than one year before the application for licensure and the applicant meets either of the following requirements:

NAPLEX

- Has passed the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) on or after January 1, 2004, and holds an active pharmacist license in another state or territory of the United States.

OR

- Has passed the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) that, at the time of application for licensure, was based on an occupational analysis that is either current or that was replaced by another occupational analysis no more than one year before the application for licensure.

Based on the changes to Business and Professions Code section 4200, NAPLEX and CPJE results are evaluated each time an application is processed as well as at the time of licensure which may result in an applicant having to retake the CPJE and/or NAPLEX examination.

The current occupational analysis for CPJE went into effect 4/1/2016.

The current occupational analysis for the NAPLEX went into effect 11/2/2015.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

I passed the NAPLEX in February 2014 and I do not hold an active license in another state, will I be required to retake the NAPLEX?

- Yes, you will be required to retake the NAPLEX because you do not fall under the provisions of holding an active pharmacist license in another state and your passing NAPLEX score was outside the current occupational analysis.

I passed the CPJE in January 2015, but I have not passed the NAPLEX with my current application on file with the California Board. Will I be required to retake the CPJE?

- Yes, you are required to retake the CPJE because your passing CPJE score was outside of the current occupational analysis for the CPJE.