

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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and Drug Law Compliance.*

Update Your Profile

In an effort to communicate more effectively with its licensees and permittees, the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy has noticed that contact information in its system is not always current and up to date. The Board reminds you that you are required to update your personal

contact information and pharmacy employer within 10 days after a change, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-1926. Please use your online profile to [update your contact information](#).

Be on Alert – Scam Letters and/or Phone Calls

Warning: Scammers are using letters, in addition to phone calls, to scam licensees. The Board has recently experienced an increase in the number of reports from licensees who are receiving scam calls.

In one past incident, the imposter called the pharmacist's mobile phone using a caller ID that matched the Board's phone number. The caller claimed to be a Board investigator and threatened the pharmacist, asserting that the phone was tapped and that emails

were being monitored by the Board. The caller was intimidating and manipulative and connected the pharmacist with another caller who pretended to be a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent.

The pharmacist was sent a letter that claimed to be an official notice of suspension. This letter had Board letterhead, a State of Arizona Board of Pharmacy seal, the licensee number, and appeared to have been **signed by the Board's executive director**.

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Fortunately, this licensee contacted the Board and confirmed that they were in good standing and not part of any investigation. The licensee also provided the information contained in this alert so that the Board could notify other licensees about this imposter and scam.

Techniques used by fake callers include the following:

- A caller uses a caller ID that shows “AZ State Board of Pharmacy” with the Board’s phone number, 602/771-2727.
- The caller claims that a licensee is under investigation by the Board, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), FBI, or another government agency. In some cases, the caller also warns of discipline unless the licensee pays a “fine” over the phone.

- A caller warns a licensee not to report the call to anyone “or else [they] will jeopardize the investigation.”
- A caller requests a licensee’s mobile phone number.
- A caller gives a fake callback number.

These calls are scams!

In many cases, callers are attempting to extort money or elicit sensitive, non-public information – bank account information, personal addresses, DEA registration numbers, etc – from licensees.

What can you do to protect yourself and your pharmacy?

Licensee security is important to the Board. Be aware of these tips:

- **If you have any doubts or questions about someone**

claiming, by phone or in person, to represent the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, call the Board at 602/771-2727.

- If a scam caller claims to represent DEA or FBI, report the call to [DEA’s Extortion Scam reporting program](#) or the [FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).
- If a scam caller’s phone number appears to be the Board’s telephone number, report the scam using the [Federal Communications Commission’s consumer complaint form](#).

Uniform MPJE Fact Sheet

Arizona State Board of Pharmacy to Adopt the Uniform MPJE in Spring 2026

Effective **April 1, 2026**, the Board made a significant change to its pharmacist licensure requirements by becoming an early adopter of the Uniform MPJE™ (UMPJE™). As part of this transition, the state-specific Arizona Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE®) is officially retired and no longer offered or required as of March 31, 2026.

Here is what prospective pharmacists and out-of-state practitioners need to know about the transition.

What Is the UMPJE?

Developed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®), the UMPJE is a new examination designed to replace individual, state-specific law exams in participating jurisdictions. Rather than testing the minutiae of one specific state’s laws, the UMPJE assesses a candidate’s competency in federal pharmacy law, as well as the general principles and concepts of state pharmacy law that are universally common across most jurisdictions.

How Does This Affect Arizona Licensure Candidates?

The transition to the UMPJE affects all applicants pursuing an Arizona pharmacist license as of April 1, 2026:

- **New Graduates and Foreign Pharmacy Graduates:** Graduates from Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-accredited programs and Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee™-certified pharmacists are required to pass both the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® and the UMPJE.
- **License Transfer Candidates for Individuals Who Have Not Taken the UMPJE:** Already licensed pharmacists seeking to practice in Arizona need to take and pass the UMPJE, submit an [Electronic Licensure Transfer Program® \(eLTP\) application through NABP](#), and then apply with the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy.
- **License Transfer Candidates for Individuals Who Have Taken the UMPJE:** If you have taken and passed the UMPJE in another state, you need to submit an eLTP application through NABP and apply with the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy.
- **Examination Attempts and Retakes Under AAC §R4-23-202(C)(3):** Based on the language of Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) §R4-23-202(C)(3), candidates who fail the jurisprudence examination must follow a strict protocol for retakes. Attempts did not reset with the implementation of the UMPJE. If an individual has already taken the MPJE five times and was not successful, they are not eligible to take the UMPJE.
 - **After Three Failures:** An applicant who fails the examination three times must formally petition the Board's executive director to receive approval before they are allowed to retake the exam.
 - **After Four Failures:** If an applicant fails the examination four times, they must petition the Board directly for consideration before taking the examination for a final time.

Navigating the Transition: Important Dates and Refund Policies

To facilitate a smooth switch, NABP and the Board established a clear transition timeline for candidates currently in the pipeline:

- **March 2026:** NABP officially opened applications for the UMPJE.
- **March 31, 2026:** This was the absolute last day the Arizona MPJE could have been administered. Applicants needed to sit for the examination on or before this date. If an applicant took and passed the Arizona MPJE on or before March 31, 2026, the passing score remains valid for **24 months after the examination date**, even if the score was released after March 31, 2026. Failure to complete the licensure process within that 24-month period will require the applicant to take the UMPJE.
- **April 1, 2026:** The UMPJE officially became the requirement. Any Arizona MPJE appointments that were scheduled on or after this date are being automatically canceled by NABP, and candidates are receiving full refunds.

How to Prepare for the UMPJE

To help candidates prepare, NABP launched the **Pre-UMPJE™** in January 2026. This 40-question practice test offers a score report immediately after completion and gives candidates a feel for the exam format and question style. Candidates should structure their studying around the official UMPJE Content Outline, which spans four primary domains:

- 1) **Pharmacy and Pharmacist Practice (30%)**
- 2) **Medication Use Process (30%)** – including prescribing, transcribing, dispensing, administering, and monitoring

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3) **Regulatory Authority and Legal Obligations (20%)**

4) **Pharmacy Operations (20%)**

Because individual state boards still determine their specific licensure requirements, candidates are encouraged to verify all application steps directly through the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy and NABP following the April 2026 launch.

Disciplinary Actions and Updates – Health Boards

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy can be found [here](#) and in the [Arizona Board's License Verification Online Application lookup tool](#).


Disciplinary actions for the Arizona Medical Board can be found [here](#).

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona Osteopathic Board can be found [here](#).

Disciplinary actions for the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners can be found [here](#). (Discipline is posted under each license holder.)

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