

How to Study for the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission staff members are not permitted to assist or advise MPJE candidates on how to answer test questions. However, we do recommend the following steps to aid in preparing for the Washington State MPJE.

1. Read and study the most current U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Pharmacist's Manual. Be sure to study the material hyperlinked in the manual. A full read-through takes about three hours. You may need to read this more than once.
2. Know federal regulations pertaining to the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA), general United States Pharmacopeia (USP) <795>, <797> and <800> compounding requirements, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requirements for Current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP), FDA legend and over-the-counter (OTC) drug labeling requirements, what constitutes misbranding versus adulteration, and legal requirements for pseudoephedrine sales.
3. Make an outline of Washington pharmacy law using the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) *Survey of Pharmacy Law*, which you can purchase at [Survey of Pharmacy Law | National Association of Boards of Pharmacy \(nabp.pharmacy\)](https://www.nabp.pharmacy/survey-of-pharmacy-law).¹ Review applicable laws and rules on the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (PQAC) Laws webpage highlighting details to fill in your outline (see [Pharmacy Commission Laws and Rules | Washington State Department of Health](https://www.pqac.com/laws-and-rules)).

This should take you about two days, and you can go back and review the highlighted information and your outline several times, including the day of the exam. The *Survey* is \$195 but shows you the areas you need to focus on. Please note that *Survey of Law* input is obtained from state boards of pharmacy. On occasion, there are errors or omissions and laws and rules can change after a state provides input.

4. The NAPLEX/MPJE Candidate Application Bulletin available on the NABP website contains a link to the MPJE Competency Statements. Reviewing these statements will help you prepare for the exam. The link is: [Competency Statements | Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination \(nabp.pharmacy\)](https://www.nabp.pharmacy/competency-statements). Consider using the [Pre-MPJE](#) exam to assist in your studies as well.
5. Read the last two years' worth of the Washington State PQAC Newsletters. To find the newsletters, go to [Washington State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission - National Association of Boards of Pharmacy \(nabp.pharmacy\)](https://www.pqac.com/newsletters). Read the FAQs on the PQAC [webpage](#).

¹ There is a fee to use the *Survey of Pharmacy Law*. This is simply one tool in your studying tool kit.

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Remember:

- The MPJE is a computer-adaptive examination based on a nationally uniform content blueprint with questions that are tailored to assess the pharmacy jurisprudence requirements of individual states.
- The MPJE consists of 120 multiple-choice questions, 20 of which are designated as pre-test questions that do not affect the candidate's score. These pre-test questions are used as possible test questions for future exams. The examination content blueprint, which is the percentage of questions asked in each of the MPJE competency areas, is uniform for all candidates.
- The individual questions within each content area will differ from candidate to candidate, depending upon their ability level as estimated by the computer's technology. Therefore, candidate scores are not based solely on the number of correct answers, but on an estimate of the candidate's ability level based on the difficulty of the questions and the number of questions answered correctly. Consider taking a little extra time to answer the difficult questions instead of simply guessing and moving on. The questions may appear arbitrary and answers incomplete, requiring a judgment call. The idea is to mimic real practice settings. Acting in the patient's benefit is always a good choice if faced with a dilemma.
- Read the question and all the answers TWICE before selecting an answer. It is easy to misread a question and jump to an incorrect conclusion.