

## INFORMATION ON SINGAPORE PHARMACY COUNCIL'S FORENSIC EXAMINATION FOR FOREIGN-TRAINED PHARMACISTS APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION IN SINGAPORE

### (1) FREQUENCY OF FORENSIC EXAMINATION

The Singapore Pharmacy Council (SPC) conducts the forensic examination 3 times a year; in April, August and November/December of each year.

Note : If the total number of registrants for an examination falls below 3, the Council reserves the right to cancel the scheduled examination, and the fees paid will be carried forward to the next scheduled examination.

### (2) PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEE

Candidates who wish to sit for the examination must send in the [Forensic Exam Application Form](#) and pay the non-refundable examination fee of \$300 to the Singapore Pharmacy Council, at least 2 weeks before the date of the examination.

Note : The Council reserves the right to reject any application received after the stipulated closing date of application for the scheduled forensic examination.

### (3) SYLLABUS AND FORMAT OF FORENSIC EXAMINATION

Candidates will be examined on the following legislation and codes :

#### a) Regulation of Pharmacy Profession

- **Pharmacists Registration Act (Chapter 230) Revised Edition 2008**
  - Pharmacists Registration (Registration of Pharmacists) Regulations 2013 [2013 April]
  - Pharmacists Registration (Prescribed Qualifications for Conditional Registration) Regulations 2011
  - Pharmacists Registration (Practising Certificates) Regulations 2012
- **Singapore Pharmacy Council : Code of Ethics (May 2015)**

#### b) Regulation of Health Products

- **Health Products Act (Chapter 122D)**
  - Health Products (Exemptions) Order 2016
  - Health Products (Cosmetic Products – ASEAN Cosmetic Directive) Regulations 2007
  - Health Products (Medical Devices) Regulations 2010
  - Health Products (Therapeutics Products) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Licensing of Retail Pharmacies) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Therapeutic Products as Clinical Research Materials) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Advertisement of Therapeutic Products) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Oral Dental Gums) Regulations 2016

- **Medicines Act (Chapter 176)**
  - Medicines (Non-Medicinal Products) (Consolidation) Order
  - Medicines (Prohibition of Sale and Supply) Order
  - Medicines (Traditional Medicines, Homeopathic Medicines and Other Substances) (Exemption) Order
  - Medicines (Product Licence) (Exemption) Order
  - Medicines (Cessation of Application of Act to Therapeutic Products) Order 2016
  - Medicines (Cessation of Application of Act to Oral Dental Gums) Order 2016
  - Medicines (General Sales List) Order 2016
  - Medicines (Medical Advertisements) Regulations
  - Medicines (Labelling) Regulations
  - Medicines (Licensing, Standard Provisions and Fees) Regulations
  - Medicines (Export Licence for Psychotropic Substances) Regulations
  - Medicines (Labelling of Chinese Proprietary Medicines) Regulations
  - Medicines (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2016
  - Medicines (Medicinal Products as Clinical Research Materials) Regulations 2016
  - Medicines (Sale by Automatic Machines) Regulations 2016
- **Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Act (Chapter 177)**
- **Poisons Act (Chapter 234)**
  - Poisons Rules
- **Sale of Drugs Act (Chapter 282)**
- **Misuse of Drugs Act (Chapter 185)**
  - Misuse of Drugs Regulations

The examination paper consists of three sections :

- Section A consists of 60 multiple-choice questions (MCQ) and accounts for a total of 60 marks. This section examines the candidates on all the above legislation and codes.
- Section B consists of 1 structured question and accounts for a total of 20 marks. This section examines the candidates on area (a).
- Section C consists of 1 structured question and accounts for a total of 20 marks. This section examines the candidates on area (b).

Candidates must attempt ALL the questions in the examination paper. The time allowed for the paper is 2 hours. Candidates are to return the question paper with their answer books.

#### **(4) REFERENCE AND WRITING MATERIALS**

Writing material, in the form of an examination booklet, will be provided.

Copies of the legislation and codes listed in **(3)** will be provided for use as reference material during the examination.

**No other reference materials are allowed in the examination room.**

**(5) PASSING MARK**

The candidate must achieve at least 60% of the total marks in order to pass the examination.

Candidates who fail may re-sit for the examination, up to 2 times, at the recommendation of the examiners. The maximum time allowed for the total 3 attempts is 2 years from the first attempt.

**(6) NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS**

The candidate will be notified of the results within one month of the examination date.

**(7) ACCESS TO LEGISLATION AND CODES**

The Singapore Pharmacy Council Code of Ethics is accessible online at the SPC website [http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/content/hprof/spc/en/topnav/regulations\\_guidelines.html](http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/content/hprof/spc/en/topnav/regulations_guidelines.html)

The current versions of the relevant Acts and their subsidiary legislation are accessible online at the Attorney-General's Chambers website : Singapore Statutes Online <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>

The official hardcopy publications of the relevant legislation can also be purchased from :

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**(8) ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

NUSAGE (National University of Singapore Academy of GxP Excellence) periodically organises a "Certification Course on Regulation of Health Products and Practice of Pharmacy", which may be helpful for candidates who intend to sit for this forensic examination. Please check their website [http://www.nusage.nus.edu.sg/workshop\\_seminar/](http://www.nusage.nus.edu.sg/workshop_seminar/) for details.

**(9) WITHDRAWAL FROM EXAMINATION**

If you wish to withdraw from taking an examination after registering to sit for it, you must :

1. Verbally inform the secretariat of the Singapore Pharmacy Council (e.g. by phone) of your intention to withdraw, at least 5 working days before the scheduled date of the examination.

**AND**

2. Submit a written notice (e.g. by e-mail), addressed to "Chief Examiner, Board of Examiners, Singapore Pharmacy Council", of your intention to withdraw. The notice must be received by SPC at least 5 working days before the scheduled date and time of the examination.

If both points 1 and 2 are fulfilled, you will be treated as not having attempted the examination, and your examination fee will not be forfeited.

If either points 1 or 2 are not fulfilled, you will also be treated as not having attempted the examination, but your examination fee will be forfeited.

**(10) SITTING FOR EXAMINATION IN THE EVENT OF ILLNESS OR ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES**

If you believe that your performance at the examination has been adversely affected by illness, or some other problems that occurred in the days/weeks leading up to the examination, but you decide nevertheless to sit for the examination (i.e. you do not withdraw), you can report the circumstances to the chief invigilator at the examination centre. You will be given a Special Consideration Form (see point 12) to fill up.

You will need to submit the completed form to the Chief Examiner, Board of Examiners, Singapore Pharmacy Council. The form must reach SPC no later than 5 days after the day of the examination, in order for your request to be considered. You will also need to send appropriate corroborating evidence with your request for the circumstances stated under points 11 and 12.

**(11) REQUEST FOR AN EXAMINATION ATTEMPT TO BE NULLIFIED**

In filling up the Special Consideration Form, you can request for your examination attempt to be nullified. However, the Board of Examiners will only consider such a request if it is received BEFORE your paper has been marked.

In the event such a request is granted, you will be required to register and pay the fee for the next examination attempt.

**(12) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FORM**

In filling up this Form, you can request for your illness or adverse circumstances to be taken into consideration and request for your examination attempt to be nullified.

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

To : Chief Examiner  
Board of Examiners  
Singapore Pharmacy Council

I would like to request to have my performance at the SPC Competency/Forensic Examination, taken on this date \_\_\_\_\_ to be NULLIFIED.

The reason(s) for my request is (are):

[Should space be insufficient, you may use an additional blank piece of paper.]

**NOTE: *Original* documents that corroborate your reason(s) **must** be submitted along with the Special Consideration Form. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected.**

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Name of Candidate

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Signature of Candidate

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Date

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FIN / NRIC of Candidate