

## 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 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) Legislation on Pharmacy Profession

- **Pharmacists Registration Act (Chapter 230) Revised Edition 2008**
  - Pharmacists Registration (Exemption) Order 2018
  - Pharmacists Registration (Practising Certificates) Regulations 2008
  - Pharmacists Registration (Practising Certificates) (Amendment) Regulations 2012
  - Pharmacists Registration (Prescribed Qualifications for Condition Registration) Regulations 2020
  - Pharmacists Registration (Registration of Pharmacists) Regulations 2013
- **Singapore Pharmacy Council: Code of Ethics (May 2015)**

#### b) Legislation on Health Products

- **Health Products Act (Chapter 122D)**
  - Health Products (Advertisement of Specified Health Products) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Cell, Tissue and Gene Therapy Products) Regulations 2021 (Version in force from 1/3/2021)
  - Health Products (Clinical Research Materials) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2016
  - Health Products (Cosmetic Products – ASEAN Cosmetic Directive) Regulations 2007
  - Health Products (Exemptions) Order 2016
  - Health Products (Licensing of Retail Pharmacies) Regulations 2016

- Health Products (Medical Devices) Regulations 2010
- Health Products (Therapeutic Products) Regulations 2016
- **Medicines Act (Chapter 176)**
  - Medicines (Cessation of Application of Act to Therapeutic Products) Order 2016
  - Medicines (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2016
  - Medicines (Export Licence for Psychotropic Substances) Regulations
  - Medicines (General Sales List) Order 2016
  - Medicines (Labelling) Regulations
  - Medicines (Labelling of Chinese Proprietary Medicines) Regulations
  - Medicines (Licensing, Standard Provisions and Fees) Regulations (Version in force from 1/9/2019)
  - Medicines (Medical Advertisements) Regulations
  - Medicines (Medicinal Products as Clinical Research Materials) Regulations 2016
  - Medicines (Non-Medicinal Products) (Consolidation) Order
  - Medicines (Product Licence) (Exemption) Order
  - Medicines (Prohibition of Sale and Supply) Order (Version in force from 1/1/2020)
  - Medicines (Sale by Automatic Machines) Regulations 2016
  - Medicines (Traditional Medicines, Homeopathic Medicines and Other Substances) (Exemption) Order (Version in force from 1/1/2020)
- **Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Act (Chapter 177)**
- **Poisons Act (Chapter 234)** (Version in force from 1/11/2020)
  - Poisons Rules
- **Sale of Drugs Act (Chapter 282)**
- **Misuse of Drugs Act (Chapter 185)** (Version in force from 4/9/2020)
  - Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Version in force from 4/9/2020)

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 booklets.

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

Writing material, in the form of answer booklets, will be provided.

Copies of the legislation and codes listed in **(3)** may be obtained through various platform listed in **(7)** and be brought into the examination hall for use as reference material during the examination.

## Important Instructions to Candidates:

1. Candidates are allowed to tag the Act and its subsidiary legislation with text only.
2. Candidates are **NOT** allowed to write on the hard copy of Legislation to be brought into the exam hall.
3. Candidates are allowed to highlight and underline the words.
4. Candidates may be barred from taking the Examination if the above are not adhered to.
5. No other reference materials are allowed in the examination room.
6. Candidates are only allowed to bring the hard copy legislation into the exam hall. Electronic copies are not permissible.

**(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 <https://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/spc/regulations-guidelines>

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

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

**Toppan Leefung Pte Ltd** (Legal Publishing)

1 Kim Seng Promenade, #18-01/06 Great World City East Tower, Singapore 237994

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Website: <http://www.toppanleefung.com>

**(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 Email), 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