

# Pathway to pharmacist registration in Australia and registration examination

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**Pharmacy Board**  
Ahpra

**Regulates the pharmacy profession in order to protect the public.**

**The functions of the Pharmacy Board of Australia include:**

- registering pharmacists and students
- overseas practitioner registration

<https://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/About.aspx> Accessed 21/03/22

# Pathway to general registration

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**Upon completion of approved pharmacy degree**

**Obtain provisional registration and approval for supervised practice arrangements (preceptor and premises)**

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**Complete supervised practice “internship” (1824 hours\*)**

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**Pass Pharmacy Board registration examination**

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**Complete an accredited intern training program**

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# Supervised practice “internship”

**Interns are pharmacists holding provisional registration.**

**Approved preceptor is a pharmacist who has been approved by the Pharmacy Board of Australia and is responsible for the overall supervision and development of the intern.**

**1824 hours\***



# Pharmacy Board registration examination

**Interns are required to complete a minimum of 75% of supervised practice hours to undertake the exams:**

- Written examination (APC)**
- Oral examination (Ahpra)**

**Successful completion of the registration examination requires a pass in both the written and the oral examinations within 18 months.**

## Written examination

- **Assessment of the ability to apply knowledge gained in the undergraduate course and during supervised practice**
- **Six content areas (based on National competency standards framework for pharmacists in Australia 2016)**
- **2 hours, 75 multiple choice questions**
- **No restriction on printed or handwritten reference materials**

<https://www.pharmacycouncil.org.au/pharmacist/skills-assessment/intern-written-exam/> Accessed 21/03/22

# Oral examination

- **Assessment of ability to apply and use knowledge to make sound judgments and communicate appropriately in pharmacy practice situations**
- **Three parts:**
  - A. Primary Healthcare (10 min) – No references**
  - B. Legal and Ethical Practice (5 min) – No references**
  - C. Problem Solving and Communication (20 min) – References permitted, No Internet**

<https://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/documents/default.aspx?record=WD11%2F5005&dbid=AP&chksum=YHgxxsEhm5jgv7wFeXfvVA%3D%3D> Accessed 21/03/22



## Accredited Intern Training Program

- **Competency-based training where the intern builds on academic knowledge with practical experience gained at the supervised practice site to progress from student to competent pharmacist.**
- **Interns should enrol in an Intern Training Program that best suits their needs.**
- **List of accredited Intern Training Program providers:**  
**<https://www.pharmacycouncil.org.au/>**

# The University of Sydney NAPE Intern Training Program

- Sharing of expertise and knowledge enables delivery of a high quality, up-to-date, and dynamic program
- Integrated program designed to support and enhance workplace learning through multi-modal delivery
- Option to complete two additional units to attain the Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice



<https://www.nape.edu.au/intertrainingprogram>



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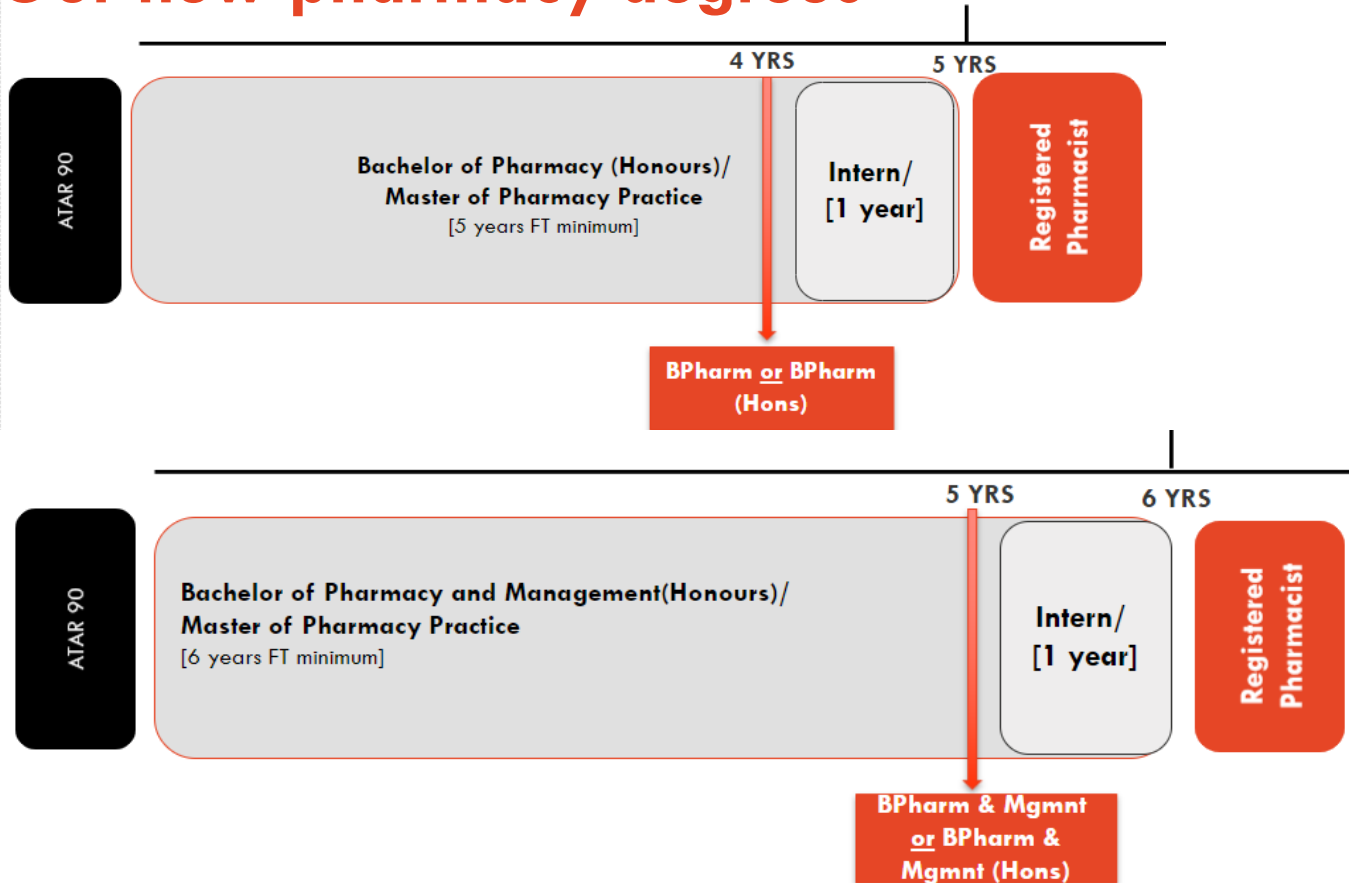
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# Further information

- Pharmacy Board of Australia

<https://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/Registration/Internships.aspx>

- National Competency Standards Framework 2016

<https://www.psa.org.au/practice-support-industry/national-competency-standards/>

- The University of Sydney School of Pharmacy

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/medicine-health/study-medicine-and-health/study-areas/pharmacy.html>

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