

District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy NAPLEX Retake Policy

- Candidates are limited to three (3) attempts to pass the NAPLEX per 12-month period
- Applicants have a mandatory waiting period of 45 days after each failed attempt
- An applicant that fails to pass the NAPLEX during the first three (3) attempts, shall be required to meet with the Board before the Board may approve the applicant for subsequent testing. Applicant must submit a study guide and proof of successful completion of Pre-NAPLEX or equivalent. If approved by the Board to retake the examination, the applicant shall be required to wait 12 months from the first attempt to reapply and begin application process.
- An applicant that fails to pass the NAPLEX during the first four (4) attempts, shall be required to wait ninety (90) days from the date of last test before retaking the examination. Applicant is also required to spend 800 contact hours in a District of Columbia Pharmacy. Board must approve the pharmacy.
- An applicant for licensure who does not pass the NAPLEX during the first five (5) attempts, shall not be approved by the Board for any subsequent attempts to retake the examination, and the Board shall not approve an application for licensure by examination, score transfer, or reciprocity if filed by the applicant within 1 year after a fifth (5) failed attempt.