



Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada
“Providing Excellence in Certification for the Pharmacy Profession”

Fact Sheet

- The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) is the national certification body for the pharmacy profession in Canada. PEBC is a non-profit organization with more than 50 years of experience in assessing the qualifications and competence of candidates for licensing by pharmacy provincial regulatory authorities.
- Established by Special Act of Parliament on December 21, 1963, PEBC functions as an arms-length national examining board for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are seeking entry-to-practice licensure in Canada.
- The purpose of the Pharmacy Examining Board is to assess qualifications for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, on behalf of participating provincial regulatory authorities. The Board evaluates qualifications, develops and administers examinations, including a national Qualifying Examination, and issues Certificates of Qualification.
- Provincial legislation restricts the practice of pharmacy to qualified persons licensed by provincial regulatory authorities. The PEBC Certificate of Qualification for pharmacists is a licensing requirement for entry-to-practice applicants (whether trained in Canada or elsewhere) in all provinces, except Quebec. The PEBC Certificate of Qualification for pharmacy technicians is an entry-to-practice licensing requirement in all provinces that have regulated pharmacy technicians.
- Through its comprehensive certification process, PEBC ensures that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are entering the profession, have the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to safely and effectively practise pharmacy. The rigorous certification process administered by PEBC ensures the quality of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are entering practice and is a vital component in the delivery of safe and effective health care to Canadians.
- Based in Toronto, PEBC is governed by a national Board of Directors comprised of representatives of the pharmacy profession from across Canada. The five-member Executive Committee is headed by the President, who is elected annually. The national PEBC office is headed by the Registrar-Treasurer.
- Additional information concerning the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada can be obtained by contacting the PEBC office by email at pebcinfo@pebc.ca, by telephone at: 416-979-2431; or by fax at: 416-599-9244. PEBC’s Web address is www.pebc.ca.

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