



Australian Pharmacy Council Intern Written Examination

Information on registering to attempt the Intern Written Examination is outlined below. At the time of sitting the examination, you must have completed at least 30% of your required supervised practice hours.

Examination Format

The examination will cover pharmacy practice in Australia and consists of one paper which comprises 125 multiple choice questions including calculations and forensic & ethics based questions. The paper will be of three hours duration. The examination is a restricted open book examination.

Testing Tutorial and Practice Exam

It is recommended that you make use of the online tutorial and practice exam by accessing the 'Pearson VUE Testing Tutorial and Practice Exam' available at www.pearsonvue.com/apc.

Allowable Texts

The following texts may be taken to the examination (current editions are recommended):

- the *Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)*
- the *Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary (APF)*
- the *Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)*; or is equivalent prior to 1 July 2010 the *Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP)*
- drugs and poisons legislation (relevant state/territory Acts and Regulations only)
- the Pharmacy Board of Australia's Codes and Guidelines, which may be downloaded via the link: <http://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines.aspx>
- the article *Supplying Medicines - What Pharmacists Need to Know*. This article may be downloaded via the link: http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/healthpro/explanatory-notes/section1/Section_1_3_Explanatory_Notes

Candidates should bring hardcopies of these texts to the testing venue. The APC recommends that candidates use the current editions of these texts.

Copies of permissible reference material will not be available at testing venues; neither will candidates be able to share reference material.

NOTE: An online calculator will be provided during the examination however candidates may wish to bring their own non programmable (i.e. non alphabetical keyboard) scientific calculator.

Please see the examination guide for the written examination on the APC website for more information regarding the format and content of the examination:
www.pharmacycouncil.org.au/examining_interns.html.

Special Arrangements

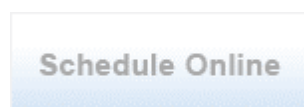
Requests for special arrangements to assist candidates to undertake the examination on the examination date must be considered and approved by the APC prior to registering for the examination on the Pearson VUE website.

Prior to registering for the examination, please contact the APC on 02 6262 9628 to discuss your situation, however please note that a written request with documentary evidence supporting your request is required by the APC before any requests can be formally considered.

Registration and Enrolment

You may register for the examination via the Pearson VUE website

<http://www.pearsonvue.com/apc> and then clicking on the 'Schedule Online' button:



If you are unable to register online, please contact Pearson VUE on 1800 023 095 for assistance.

We have put together a list of the most commonly asked questions regarding Registration and Enrolment. [Read these FAQs.](#)

Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email which lists information regarding your testing centre name, address, location, city, contact number and the date and time of your examination. This email confirms both your enrolment and testing centre selection. You are required to print the letter and present it at the examination as proof of enrolment.

Examination Dates for 2012

Examination Date Sunday (Saturday)	Registration Opens	Registration Closes
5 (4) February 2012	6 December 2011	21 January 2012
1 April (31 March) 2012	7 February 2012	17 March 2012
3 (2) June 2012	3 April 2012	19 May 2012
5 (4) August 2012	5 June 2012	21 July 2012
7 (6) October 2012	7 August 2012	22 September 2012
2 (1) December 2012	9 October 2012	17 November 2012

NOTE: The initial session offered is the Sunday morning session, followed by the Sunday afternoon session once the morning session is fully booked. Saturday sessions will only be offered if all Sunday sessions are full.

Registration closes at 6.00pm (AEST).

Testing Centres

Testing centres are located in the following cities.

- Adelaide
- Brisbane
- Canberra
- Darwin
- Hobart
- Melbourne
- Perth
- Sydney
- Townsville

NOTE: The Intern Written Examination is only available in Australian testing centres.

For more information about testing centre locations, please access the 'Locate a Test Centre' option at www.pearsonvue.com/apc.

Examination Fees

Examination fees for 2012 are \$AUD550 per examination attempt.

Change of Testing Centre

If you wish to change your testing centre, please select the 'Reschedule a Test' option at www.pearsonvue.com/apc. You are permitted to change a testing centre up to two weeks prior to your examination date. Note that if you are changing sessions as well as test centres, you will need to cancel the first appointment and schedule a new appointment.

Cancellation Policy

You may cancel your examination session up to two weeks prior to your examination appointment and your full fee (minus any transaction fee) will be refunded to you.

Please note if you cancel your examination session within two weeks prior to your examination date, you will be required to contact APC in writing and provide documentary evidence for the reason for cancellation. You will forfeit the whole of the examination fee unless documentary evidence is provided. If the documentary evidence provided is considered acceptable by the APC, the examination fee less 40% will be refunded.

What to Bring to the Examination

You must provide the following two identity documents to enter the testing centre for the examination.

1. A current passport or Australian driver's licence. This identity document **MUST** contain your photograph and signature; and
2. A copy of the enrolment letter provided in the confirmation email. You will be required to sign this letter at the examination as part of the identification process.

You will be required to present your identity documents at reception and in the examination room. Failure to do so may result in you being denied entry to the examination.

The identity document must be current, legible and display your name exactly as you have provided when registering for your test appointment. It must also include a recent, recognisable photograph, your signature and date of birth. If you cannot meet these requirements, please contact APC.

You will be provided a space at the front of the examination room to keep your belongings, however we advise you not to bring any valuables to the testing centre.

Late Arrivals

If you arrive late for your scheduled appointment time, you may be refused admission to the examination and will need to re-apply.

Privacy Policy

We understand that you have voluntarily given personal information to Pearson VUE so that they can schedule your examination and forward the test data to the APC. The APC complies with the requirements of the *Privacy Amendment Act (Private Sector) 2000* which imposes specific obligations such as the National Privacy Principles in regard to handling information. For more information about the APC's Privacy Policy, please visit the APC website www.pharmacycouncil.org.au.

Third Party Nominees

The APC is generally not permitted to disclose personal information about a candidate to a third party (i.e. agent) without the candidate's consent.

A candidate may authorise a third party (agent) to communicate with APC on the candidate's behalf by completing the Agent Authorisation Form on the APC website.

Contacts

To contact APC regarding your examination please call 02 6262 9628 or email admin@pharmacycouncil.org.au. For assistance regarding changes to your examination booking or any problems you experience during the registration or booking process please contact Pearson VUE at 1800 023 095.

Examination Results

Examination results are processed by the APC. The results will be placed on the APC website approximately one to two weeks after the examination and will remain on the website for a period of four weeks, after which time they will be removed. Please print or save your results as the APC does not provide hardcopies.

To obtain results, you must go to the 'Examination Results' section of the APC website and select the appropriate examination session. To login you require your 13 character Provisional Registration Number (beginning with the letters 'PHA') as your username and your Date of Birth as your password. You will be provided a Pass/Fail result. Please take a printout of your results as no further documentation will be provided. Please contact the APC if you have any results related enquiries.