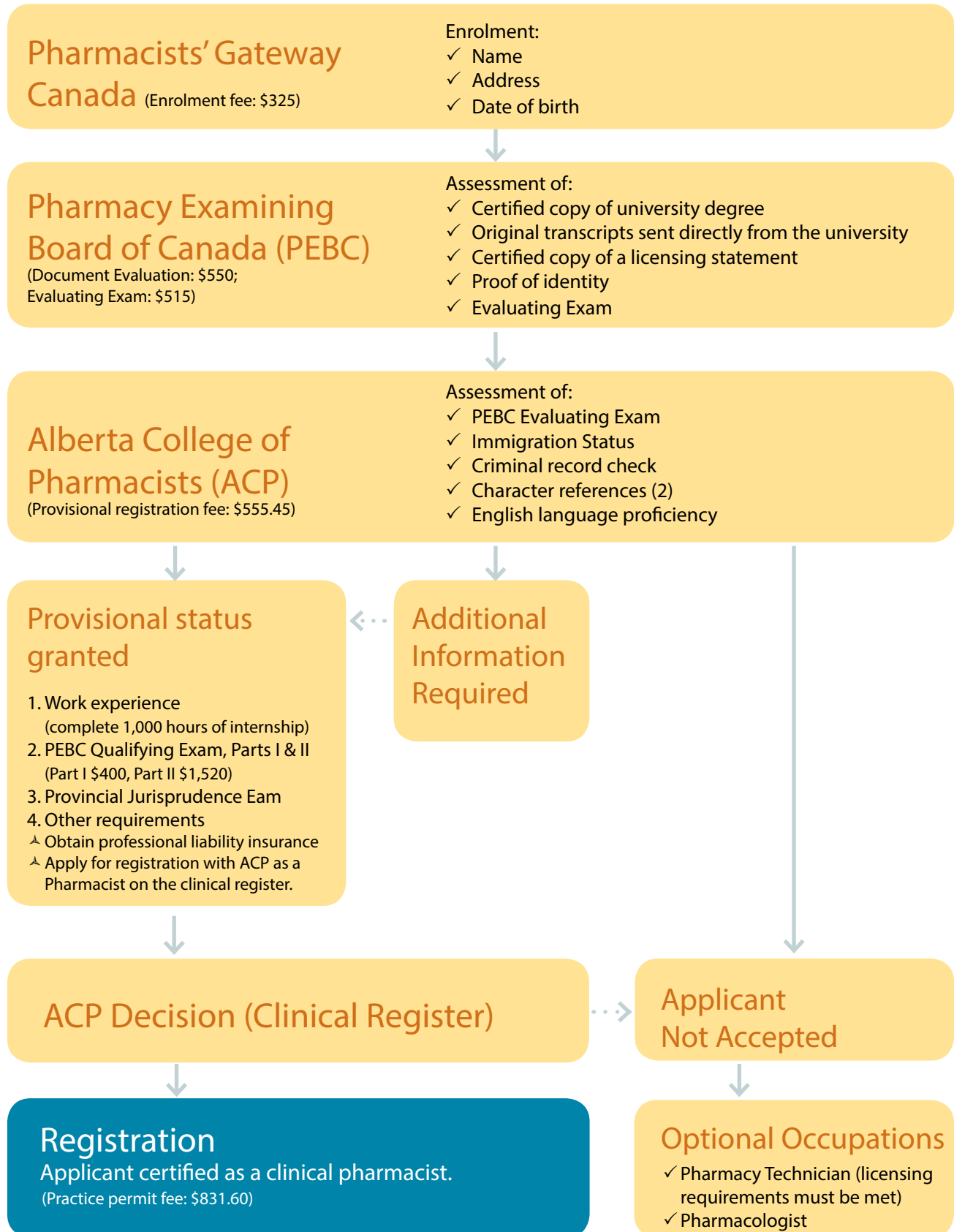


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#### Description of Occupation

Pharmacists promote health and prevent and treat disease, dysfunction and disorders through proper drug therapy and non-drug decisions. Pharmacists usually work in pharmacies, healthcare facilities and research institutions. In general they:

- Work with clients and other health care professionals, offering advice on selecting and using medicinal drugs and non-drug therapies
- Assist in drug-related research, and other activities such as teaching and providing health-related programs
- May obtain additional authorizations to prescribe certain drugs and blood products, and to administer drugs, vaccines and blood products by injection.

#### Registering in Alberta

If you are an internationally educated Pharmacist and want to work in Alberta, you must register with the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP). For information, contact:

Alberta College of Pharmacists  
1100, 8215-112 St NW  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2C8  
Canada

Once you have completed all requirements, you can apply for registration with the ACP as a Pharmacist on the clinical register.

Links to application information and other resources are at the end of this document.

#### Requirements

The following process is for internationally educated pharmacists, not including those who received their pharmacy degree at an American program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

##### 1. *Residency Requirement*

You must be a permanent resident or landed immigrant of Canada, or you must hold a valid employment visa to be eligible to register with the Alberta College of Pharmacists. To complete the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) document evaluation or any of the PEBC exams you are not required to hold a valid work permit.

##### 2. *Enroll in Pharmacists Gateway Canada*

Enrolling in Pharmacists' Gateway Canada allows you to begin your application for registration. You will create an account by providing information such as your name, address and date of birth. You will then be given a candidate number. With this account, you will be able to see any of your documents that are stored in the database. You can also track your progress throughout the licensing process. This step must be completed prior to contacting PEBC for document evaluation.

### 3. **Academic Credentials for PEBC**

You must prove you are educated and licensed as a Pharmacist by providing the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) with:

- Certified copies of your university degree certificate in Pharmacy
- Original copies of university transcripts sent directly to PEBC from the university.
- Certified copies of a licensing statement from your current licensing authority, if applicable.
- Proof of identity (birth certificate and, if applicable, a marriage certificate)

Once document evaluation is complete you will be advised if you are eligible to complete the PEBC Evaluating Exam.

### 4. **PEBC Evaluating Exam**

Before registering with ACP, you must complete the PEBC Evaluating Exam. This exam evaluates whether your pharmacy education is comparable to that of Canadian pharmacy graduates. It will test your knowledge about the different areas of pharmacy that are learned in Canadian programs. Candidates are permitted a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass the exam, with a fourth attempt available upon successful completion of remediation.

### 5. **Work Experience**

After you pass the Evaluating Exam, you must register on the ACP Provincial Register as an intern. The following documents are required for registration:

- Completed application form (<https://pharmacists.ab.ca/forms>)
- Certified copies of immigration papers (permanent residency card, Canadian citizenship card, immigration papers or employment visa)
- Criminal record check not more than six (6) months old (this can be obtained from a local police station, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or BackCheck)
- Certified copy of letter from PEBC stating successful completion of the PEBC Evaluating Exam (Qualifying Exam Part I and/or II if completed but not required at this stage for registration)
- Original copy of National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) approved English language proficiency
- Two (2) letters of character references written within the last year by someone other than a family member who has known you for at least one (1) year
- Two (2) passport photographs (approximate size: 2" x 2.75")
- Registration fee (see "Payment" below).

You must complete 1,000 hours of internship before registering with the ACP as a Pharmacist on the clinical register. The full 1,000 hours must be completed after you have enrolled in the ACP internship program. Hours completed prior to registering or hours completed in another provincial internship program cannot be applied to the 1,000-hour requirement in Alberta. All hours must be completed in Alberta.

## 6. **English Language Proficiency**

You must provide proof of English language proficiency. Language proficiency test scores **MUST** be no more than two (2) years old at the time of registration. The ACP accepts the following:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - internet-based test
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - paper-based test
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – academic format
- Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)

## 7. **Examinations**

Two (2) additional examinations must be completed in order to register with ACP on the clinical register.

- Once your documents have been evaluated by PEBC and the PEBC Evaluating Exam has been successfully completed, you can write the **PEBC Qualifying Exam, Parts I and II**. Candidates are permitted a maximum of three (3) attempts for each part of the exam, with a fourth attempt possibly available upon successful completion of remediation.
- Individuals are also required to complete the **Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam**, administered by the Alberta College of Pharmacists. You must be provisionally registered in order to take this exam. You must receive a minimum score of 70 per cent to be successful. Candidates are permitted a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass this exam, with a fourth attempt possibly available upon successful completion of remediation.

## 8. **Professional Liability Insurance**

You must obtain professional liability insurance prior to your application for licensure. A minimum of \$2 million of professional liability insurance is required in order to practice in Alberta as a clinical Pharmacist.

## Payment

The following fees may apply for foreign-qualified applicants. All fees are in Canadian dollars.

PEBC Document Evaluation	\$550
PEBC Evaluating Examination	\$515
PEBC Qualifying Examination, Part I	\$400
PEBC Qualifying Examination, Part II	\$1,520
Pharmacists Gateway	\$325
ACP Provisional Registration Fee (Interns) First attempt at the ACP jurisprudence exam is included in this fee	\$555.45*
ACP Jurisprudence Exam – re-challenge	\$154.35*
ACP Pharmacist Practice Permit	\$831.60*
ACP Pharmacist Practice Pro-rated Fee (between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009)	\$456.75*
ACP Decision Review Fee	\$617.40*

\*Taxes included

Fees are subject to change. For current fee information, please visit the following websites:

[Alberta College of Pharmacists Fee Schedule](#)

[Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Fee Schedule](#)

[Pharmacists Gateway](#)

## Average Earnings

The overall average earnings for Pharmacists, according to the Alberta 2013 Wage and Salary survey, are:

Average hours worked per week	36.3
Average wage per hour	\$49.49
Average salary per year	\$92,677

## Employment Options

You can also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as Pharmacy Technician or Pharmacologist.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website:

[Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Pharmacist \(www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo\)](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo).

## Contact Information

Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP)  
1100, 8215 - 112 St NW  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2C8  
Canada  
Telephone: 780-990-0321  
Toll-Free: 877-227-3838 (Canada only)  
Fax: 780-990-0328  
Email: [registrationinfo@pharmacists.ab.ca](mailto:registrationinfo@pharmacists.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.pharmacists.ab.ca](http://www.pharmacists.ab.ca)

Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC)  
717 Church Street  
Toronto, Ontario M4W 2M4  
Canada  
Telephone: 416-979-2431  
Fax: 416-599-9244  
Email: [pebcinfo@pebc.ca](mailto:pebcinfo@pebc.ca)  
Website: [www.pebc.ca](http://www.pebc.ca)

Pharmacists' Gateway Canada  
National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities  
Suite 1800, 130 Albert Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5G4  
Canada  
Telephone: 613-569-9800  
Email: [gatewayinfo@napra.ca](mailto:gatewayinfo@napra.ca)

## Resources

This information is an overview of the Pharmacist accreditation process. For the most current information visit the Alberta College of Pharmacists website at [www.pharmacists.ab.ca](http://www.pharmacists.ab.ca) or the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada website at [www.pebc.ca](http://www.pebc.ca).

Application Forms and Information:

- [Pharmacists' Gateway Canada](#)
- [Alberta College of Pharmacists Information](#)
- [Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Information](#)

Academic Credentials:

- [Bredin Institute Innovative International Pharmacy Bridging Program](#)

Related Occupations:

- [NorQuest College, Pharmacy Technician Diploma](#)
- [Bow Valley College, Pharmacy Technician Diploma](#)

English Language:

- [English Language Competency](#)

Examinations:

- [ACP Jurisprudence Exam](#)
- [PEBC Evaluating Exam](#)
- [PEBC Qualifying Exam, Parts I and II](#)