**Title:** Internship Registration for Participation in a Postgraduate Residency Program or Pending Initial Pharmacist License Routine and Non-Routine  
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**POLICY STATEMENT:** The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission recognizes that either access to postgraduate learning opportunities or continued practical experiences while going through the license process may enrich the foundation for success for pharmacist practitioners. This policy provides guidance to applicants seeking commission approval to participate in a postgraduate residency program or maintain practice experience while in the license process if transferring from out of state.

1. **Routine Application**  
Applicants who are students or recent graduates of an accredited college or school of pharmacy approved by the commission (ACPE accredited) are eligible for an original or renewal of an intern registration up to but not longer than 18 months from the date of graduation (WAC 246-858-020(3). This application process is considered a routine application and does not require commission approval. Applicants must submit a pharmacy intern application, supporting documentation, applicable fees and proof of graduation if applicable.

2. **Non-Routine Application**  
Applicants who have graduated from an accredited college or school of pharmacy approved by the commission (ACPE accredited) and does not meet the qualifications for the routine pharmacy intern application process may be eligible for an original or renewal of an intern registration if:

   a. The applicant is enrolled in a postgraduate training/residency for further opportunities and learning experiences;
   b. The applicant submits an application and appropriate fees for registration as a pharmacy intern; and
c. The applicant otherwise meets the qualifications to practice as a pharmacy intern in Washington State.

d. The Director or the pharmacist in charge of the postgraduate residency or special internship program must submit a letter confirming that the applicant will participate in the program. The letter must include a summary of the location and nature of the program, the date the intern is planning to enter the program and the duration of the residency. If accredited, the director or pharmacist in charge should include evidence of current accreditation.

e. This application process is considered a non-routine application and requires commission approval.

3. With exception of #4, this policy/procedure does not apply to foreign-trained pharmacist earning internship hours toward licensure. See PQAC policy/procedure# 45.

4. No intern registration shall be issued for more than six years or once an applicant is issued a pharmacist licensed by any state without Commission approval/authorization.