Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission
PROCEDURE

Title: Continuing Education Requirements for New Graduates No: 38

References: RCW 18.64.005 State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission --
Powers and duties.
WAC 246-861-090 - Amount of Continuing Education.

Contact: Credentialing Manager

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The equivalent of 1.5 continuing education units or 15 credit hours shall be required
annually of each applicant. HOWEVER, the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission
shall waive the continuing education requirement for an applicant’s first license renewal
cycle IF the applicant’s original Washington pharmacist’s license was issued less than 12
months after graduating from a commission approved accredited school or college of
pharmacy. PROCEDURE:

1. Applicant is applying for an original Washington pharmacist license, meets all
licensing requirements, and graduated less than 12 month earlier from a
commission approved accredited school or college of pharmacy.

2. The continuing education due date is set/established for 2nd license renewal
period.

3. When applicant submits notice and appropriate fees to the department of health
for the initial renewal of their Washington pharmacist’s license.

4. The applicant otherwise meets the qualifications for renewal.

5. If all the above apply, the applicant is eligible to sign or waive the verification of
continuing education acknowledging that they have met the required CE hours.

This procedure does not apply to applicant seeking licensure through the reciprocity
process.