

CIRCULAR NO (DHP/2025/3)

From	Department of Healthcare Professions / Ministry of Public Health
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Pharmacy Practitioners in the State of Qatar• All Healthcare Facilities/ focal points in the state of Qatar (Government and Private Sector)
Subject	Implementation of the “National Pharmacy Qualifying Exam” (NPQE) with an updated content and list of references
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Greetings from the Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP).

As part of the Ministry of Public Health, Department of Healthcare Professions' ongoing efforts and commitment to enhance professional standards and ensure the competence and readiness of pharmacists to work in the health sector in the state of Qatar, DHP announces the implementation of the “NPQE” with updated content and a list of references. The exam will serve as a mandatory requirement for pharmacist licensing in the state of Qatar.

Therefore, please note the following:

- The updated exam content will be implemented starting from 01/05/2025.
- The reference list has been revised in alignment with the updated blueprint.
- The current version of the blueprint and references will remain valid until 30/04/2025.

Attached Qualifying Examination Blueprint (Content of the Test) & References list.

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Thank you for your cooperation,
Department of Healthcare Professions
Ministry of Public Health



طبيعة ومحتوى الامتحان الوطني التأهيلي للصيدلة NATIONAL PHARMACIST QUALIFYING EXAMINATION BLUEPRINT

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	Basic Biomedical Sciences	7	60%
	Pharmaceutical Sciences	38	
	Social/Behavioral/Administrative Sciences	38	
	Clinical Sciences	67	
Total		150	

مراجع الامتحان الوطني التأهيلي QUALIFYING EXAMINATION REFERENCES

Exam References

Primary resources:

- Comprehensive Pharmacy Review for Naplex 8th Edition.
- The APhA Complete Review for Pharmacy 12 Edition.
- Qatar National Health Strategy 2024-2030, available at www.moph.gov.qa
- Qatar National Health Services, available at www.moph.gov.qa
- Qatar Dietary Guidelines, available at www.moph.gov.qa
- Departments at Ministry of Public Health, available at www.moph.gov.qa

Secondary resources:

- Winter's Basic Clinical Pharmacokinetics 7th Edition.
- PTCB (Pharmacy Technician Certification Board) Exam Prep, 2023-2024. Hanley Publications LLC.
- Pharmaceutics for Pharmacy Students 1st Edition.
- Basic Pharmacokinetics, 2nd Edition.
- Clinical Pharmacokinetics: Concepts and Applications. 4th Edition.
- Patient Assessment in Pharmacy Practice, 3rd Ed (Rhonda M. Jones).
- Casebook in Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Drug Dosing.

- Ansel's Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems 12th Edition.
- Clinical Pharmacokinetics, 6th Edition.
- Applied Biopharmaceutics & Pharmacokinetics, 7th Edition.
- Medical Ethics Manual 3rd Edition.
- JCI Standards for Hospitals – 7th Edition.
- Communication Skills in Pharmacy Practice: A Practical Guide for Students and Practitioners, 7th Edition.
- Pharmacy Management, Leadership, Marketing, and Finance. Jones & Bartlett Learning; 2014.