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AR How to register as a pharmacist in Argentina

To practise, you need a matrícula (professional licence). A foreign degree must first be recognised. Pakistan has no recognition agreement with Argentina, so the degree needs a reválida (revalidation) at a national public university, such as the University of Buenos Aires. Licence or registration: **Matrícula profesional de farmacéutico**. Regulator: **Ministerio de Salud de la Nación (national/CABA); provincial bodies elsewhere**. Every fact was checked against official sources on **20 November 2026**.

NO AGREEMENT: REVÁLIDA Pakistan is not on the official list of agreement countries, so the ministry's convalidación route does not apply. The reválida is decided by a national public university, which may set subjects to pass. At UBA you need C1 Spanish, regular migration status and an Argentine DNI, and must finish set subjects within 4 years.

Who decides what	
National public university (e.g. UBA FFyB)	Decides the reválida, sets any subjects and grants the degree equivalence for non-agreement countries such as Pakistan.
Ministerio de Capital Humano (DNGU)	Handles convalidación for agreement countries only and legalises the reválida for use in the matrícula.
Ministerio de Salud de la Nación	Issues the national matrícula for CABA and national facilities. Provinces run their own registration.
COFyBCF (pharmacists' college, CABA)	Registration is required for pharmacists practising in Buenos Aires city.
Dirección Nacional de Migraciones	Decides residence. Separate from recognition and licensing. Employers decide hiring.

Who can apply

- A foreign university degree awarded after full secondary education, equivalent to the UBA degree for the same professional activity.
- C1 Spanish (CEFR) if your degree is from a non-Spanish-speaking country, through a certificate accepted by UBA.
- Regular migration status in Argentina and an Argentine DNI, as listed in UBA's reválida rules.
- Recognition of your secondary-school certificate by the Ministry of Education, legalised by UBA.
- Work experience is not listed as a requirement for the reválida in the rules checked.
- Each university has its own reválida rules. The details here are for UBA; check the university you choose.

The steps, with approximate time and cost

1 Legalise and translate your documents
Apostille (or Argentine consular legalisation) on degree, transcript and syllabi. Translation into Spanish by a traductor público nacional (sworn translator), legalised by its Colegio.
Time: 1–3 months (est.) · Cost: set by providers

2 Prove Spanish at C1 level
UBA requires C1 Spanish for degrees from non-Spanish-speaking countries. Accepted: SIELE Global at C1, or the UBA Filosofía y Letras advanced Spanish certificate.
Time: 12–24 months (est.) · Cost: set by exam body

3 Regularise residence and get a DNI
UBA asks for regular migration status and an Argentine DNI (national ID). Residence is decided by the Dirección Nacional de Migraciones in a category you qualify for.
Time: 2–6 months (est.) · Cost: ARS 100,000

4 Apply for the reválida
At UBA, apply online via TAD-UBA. An expert committee of the Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica compares your curriculum, and the Consejo Directivo issues a resolution.
Time: 6–12 months (est.) · Cost: Confirm with UBA

5 Pass any subjects set by resolution
The resolution may require you to take and pass missing subjects. FFyB allows 4 years to finish, with a reasoned extension possible. Then the reválida is granted.
Time: up to 4 years · Cost: Confirm with UBA

6 Register for the matrícula
For CABA and national facilities: online via TAD with the reválida legalised by the Education Secretariat, a physical DNI and COFyBCF registration. Free.
Time: 21+ working days · Cost: Free

Typical total: About 3–6 years (est.)

Language requirements

- UBA: C1 Spanish (CEFR) covering reading, listening, writing and speaking.
- Accepted by UBA: SIELE Global at C1, or the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters advanced Spanish certificate. CELU was not on UBA's list checked.
- Other national universities may accept other certificates, such as CELU. Check with the university.

Read this before you plan

- Licence ≠ visa ≠ job. A reválida or matrícula gives no right to enter or stay. Residence is decided by the Dirección Nacional de Migraciones.
- No pharmacy practice is allowed before the reválida and matrícula. A precarious residence or a DNI-in-process slip is not accepted for the matrícula.
- A work residence needs a signed contract with an employer registered with Migraciones. Nothing in this process is guaranteed.

Exams, costs and documents

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Exam pattern and mode: online, test centre or onsite

Spanish C1 (SIELE Global or UBA)

TEST CENTRE

- C1 level required by UBA rules
- Reading, listening, writing and speaking
- SIELE Global at C1 is accepted
- Or UBA FFyL advanced Spanish certificate
- Format and fees: check the exam body

SIELE is taken at authorised exam centres. Whether a centre exists in Pakistan was not verified. The UBA certificate is issued in Buenos Aires.

Reválida subjects (FFyB, UBA)

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- Set case by case by Consejo Directivo
- Based on curriculum, hours and practice
- No fixed national exam on this route
- 4 years to complete obligations
- Reasoned extension can be requested

If set, subjects are taken and examined at the Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica in Buenos Aires. No online or overseas option was found.

Official fees	Amount
National matrícula (Ministerio de Salud) CABA and national facilities, applied for via TAD	**Free**
Temporary residence, non-MERCOSUR 100 UMSM, 1 UMSM = ARS 1,000 (Decreto 584/2024). Same rate shown for permanent residence	**ARS 100,000**
Residence started at a consulate Non-MERCOSUR rate in consular units; peso value not shown	**600 uc**
Reválida at UBA Paid via the UBA payments portal; amount not published on pages checked	**Confirm with UBA**
Convalidación (agreement countries) Ministry procedure only for agreement countries, not Pakistan	**Free**

ARS = Argentine peso. Translations, apostilles, Spanish exams, colegiación and living costs are extra and set by each provider.

Documents usually required

- Passport, then Argentine DNI
- Pharmacy degree certificate
- Full transcript (certificación analítica)
- Syllabus of every subject passed, with grades
- Secondary-school recognition from the Ministry of Education
- C1 Spanish certificate accepted by UBA
- Apostille or Argentine consular legalisation
- Spanish translation by a traductor público nacional
- Police certificate (for residence and matrícula)

Expected time

- Reválida at UBA FFyB: academic obligations must be completed within 4 years; a reasoned extension can be requested.
- National matrícula: the ministry notifies you via TAD after at least 21 working days from when an officer takes up the file.
- Temporary worker or student residence is granted for 1 year and can be extended. No official processing time for the reválida was found.

Typical total: About 3–6 years (est.)

Convalidación vs reválida

- Convalidación: for agreement countries (Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, Mexico, Peru, Ukraine). Run by the ministry with a chosen university.
- Reválida: for all other countries, including Pakistan. Run only by a national public university, which sets procedure, duration and cost.
- A degree from a third country can change your route. Check which country issued your degree.
- Outside CABA, the matrícula is issued by the province where you will work.

Visas, pay and next steps

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Immigration route (separate from registration)	What official sources say	Status
Temporary residence: migrant worker	For paid employment under a signed pre-contract with an employer registered with Migraciones. Applied for online in RaDEX while in Argentina, then an in-person appointment. 1 year, renewable. Fee ARS 100,000 for non-MERCOSUR nationals.	Open
Temporary residence: student	For enrolled students at a recognised institution. 1 year, renewable. Whether a reválida applicant qualifies depends on enrolment; confirm with Migraciones and the university.	Confirm
Scientist or specialised personnel	A temporary residence listed for science, technology and specialised staff. Its fit for pharmacists was not verified.	Confirm
Shortage or skilled list	No official shortage or skilled-occupation list naming pharmacists was found.	Confirm

If you are applying from Pakistan

- Embassy of Argentina, House 24, Street 18, F-6/2, Islamabad. Visa section Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 14:00.
- Visa files must be emailed at least 45 days before travel. The consular interview is mandatory.
- The embassy's visa page lists tourist, business and congress or professional-activity visas. No work or study visa page was found.
- The embassy states that meeting the requirements does not guarantee a visa.
- Pakistan joined the Apostille Convention in 2023. Confirm with the university that a Pakistani apostille is accepted.

Pay and funding

- No official or collective-agreement pay figure for pharmacists was verified for this guide.
- A work residence contract must state pay in line with the applicable collective agreement (Migraciones).

Avoid these common mistakes

- Expecting the ministry's convalidación route. Pakistan is not an agreement country.
- Applying to a private university. Only national public universities revalidate.
- Assuming CELU works everywhere. UBA's list names SIELE Global C1 and its own certificate.
- Arriving without a residence plan. UBA requires regular status and a DNI to apply.
- Assuming a reválida or matrícula brings a visa or a job.

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- 1-on-1 mentorship, CV and interview support
- Webinars, CPD sessions and a lifetime community

ASGHCA offers education and guidance. Regulated immigration advice is referred to authorised professionals.

Official sources, all checked 20 November 2026: argentina.gob.ar: convalidaciones universitarias extranjeros; campusglobal reconocimiento de estudios; matrícula de profesional de la salud (Ministerio de Salud); trabajar en Argentina; residencia temporaria trabajador migrante; cuadro de tasas migratorias (Decreto 584/2024) · UBA RESCS-2023-1924 (Código UBA I-23) · FFyB RESCD-2025-0214 and procedure DGTA-P-007-01 (ffyb.uba.ar) · uba.ar/estudiantesextranjeros · epaki.cancilleria.gob.ar · hcch.net.

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