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CA Pharmacist registration in Canada

Pharmacists are licensed by the regulator of each province or territory. Outside Quebec, international graduates first enrol with NAPRA's Pharmacists' Gateway Canada, then pass the national PEBC exams, then meet the province's own requirements. Facts checked against official sources on **20 November 2026**.

CHANGES FROM JAN 2027 PEBC held its last Evaluating Examination in October 2026. From January 2027, international graduates go from Document Evaluation straight to Qualifying Exam Part I (MCQ), and must pass Part I before applying for Part II (OSCE). Some provincial pages still mention the old Evaluating Exam.

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Gateway	PEBC DE	Part I MCQ	Part II OSCE	Province	Licence
NAPRA enrolment	document evaluation	Qualifying Exam	in person, Canada	e.g. Ontario (OCP)	provincial register
1–2 months (est.)	up to 8 weeks	3–6 months (est.)	3–6 months (est.)	5–21 months (ON)	after approval

The route, step by step

1. **Enrol in Pharmacists' Gateway Canada**
   Mandatory first step everywhere except Quebec. It gives you the NAPRA ID number needed for PEBC and holds your file for the provincial regulator.
   Time: 1–2 months (est.) · Cost: $390 + tax
2. **Pass PEBC Document Evaluation**
   Transcript sent by your university, licensing statement sent by your licensing body, certified ID. Up to 8 weeks once complete; valid 5 years.
   Time: up to 8 weeks · Cost: $715
3. **Pass Qualifying Exam Part I (MCQ)**
   Computer-based, 200 questions. Sit it at a Prometric centre or by remote proctoring. Applications close about 3 months before each sitting.
   Time: 3–6 months (est.) · Cost: $870 (2027)
4. **Pass Qualifying Exam Part II (OSCE)**
   Only after passing Part I. Practical stations with simulated patients and health professionals, held in person in Canadian cities.
   Time: 3–6 months (est.) · Cost: $1,950 (2027)
5. **Meet provincial requirements**
   Language test, jurisprudence exam, internship or practice assessment. Ontario also requires the IPG bridging programme unless you pass both PEBC parts first time.
   Time: 5–21 months (ON) · Cost: varies by province
6. **Register as a pharmacist**
   The provincial regulator issues your licence after a final application, police check, insurance and current language evidence.
   Time: after approval · Cost: ON $430 + annual

Official fees	Amount
Pharmacists' Gateway Canada enrolment NAPRA, effective January 2026, plus applicable taxes	**$390 + tax**
PEBC Document Evaluation 2026/2027 schedule; up to 50% refund only before evaluation is completed	**$715**
PEBC Qualifying Exam Part I (MCQ) Listed as 2027 fee. Rescheduling or cancellation $60 + HST, paid to Prometric	**$870**
PEBC Qualifying Exam Part II (OSCE) Listed as 2027 fee. No refund for an exam taken	**$1,950**
Ontario College of Pharmacists College fees for the IPG route, plus the annual fee	**$430 + annual**

Exam pattern: online or onsite?

PEBC Qualifying Exam Part I (MCQ) TEST CENTRE
200 MCQs: 150 scored, 50 unscored pretest · 260 minutes total testing time, one day · Tests applied knowledge and judgement · Up to 4 attempts; remediation before the 4th

PEBC Qualifying Exam Part II (OSCE) ONSITE
11 scored stations plus rest stations · 9 interactive, 2 non-interactive · 7 minutes per station, 2 minutes to read · About 6.5 hours at the exam centre

Timelines

- PEBC acknowledges a Document Evaluation application within 6 weeks and completes it within 8 weeks of a complete file.
- Part I applications close about 3 months ahead: the February 2027 deadline was 19 November 2026; May 2027 closes 18 February 2027.
- Ontario says the steps after the IPG programme take at least 5 months and up to 21 months; some applicants need 2 to 3 years.

Typical total: About 2–3 years (est.)

Keep these separate

- Licence ≠ visa ≠ job. Passing PEBC or registering with a province gives no right to enter, live or work in Canada. IRCC decides all immigration applications.
- No practice before registration. In Ontario, you may not practise even under supervision until enrolled in the IPG programme or registered as an intern.
- A visitor visa to sit the OSCE does not allow work. Employers decide hiring, and nothing on this route is guaranteed.

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