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TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY  
FROM: Carmen Catizone, Executive Director/Secretary  
DATE: March 20, 2008  
RE: NAPLEX and MPJE Eligibility Dates

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NABP was recently alerted that a few states are designating eligibility dates to sit for the NAPLEX and MPJE prior to the actual graduation date. Although the candidates have met all requirements for graduation, formal graduation has not been achieved. This is separate from the ceremonial commencement exercises, which sometimes occur after the official graduation date. States alerting NABP to this have indicated their laws and regulations do not allow them to accept the score transfer or licensure of candidates who have successfully completed the NAPLEX and/or MPJE prior to the candidate's official graduation date. The states have asked NABP to provide a resolution that honors the agreement among states and avoids the impending chaos of arbitrarily setting an eligibility date outside of the formal graduation date. Without the uniformity of the graduation date, states could decide to set eligibility at any time, one month, six months, or one year from the official graduation date. If this was to occur, it would cause significant problems for the states and the reporting of examination data.

In discussing this matter with the states, NABP was informed that the few states of concern are processing the applications and providing eligibility prior to the official graduation date in order to avoid a backlog of applications, and they are relying on NABP to conform eligibility to the official graduation date.

NABP is alerting all states of this matter and confirming that the eligibility date for a candidate to take the NAPLEX must be on or after the official graduation date. Unless notified otherwise, candidates who are designated as eligible prior to the official graduation date will have the eligibility date adjusted to the official graduation date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 847/391-4400 or via e-mail at [exec-office@nabp.net](mailto:exec-office@nabp.net).