

## Foreign Graduates

A Foreign Graduate must submit an FPGECE Certificate in order to secure an Arkansas Intern License. For more information on FPGECE Certification, please go to the following link:

<http://www.nabp.net/programs/assets/FPGECEBulletin.pdf>

You may also contact NABP at: [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net) or by phone at: (847)391-4406

You must have a Social Security Number in order to be licensed in Arkansas but you are not required to be a U.S. Citizen. For foreign workers here on some kind of visa or resident alien permit, you can apply for a Social Security Number if you can show proof you are legally in the U.S. Please contact the [Social Security Administration](#) for more details on getting a Social Security Number.

For those who need more information, the requirement comes from Ark. Code Ann. 17-1-104, which states:

(a) On and after July 1, 1997, all persons, agencies, boards, commissions, or other licensing entities issuing any occupational, professional, or business license pursuant to titles 2-6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 22, 23, and 27 of the Arkansas Code Annotated shall record the name, address, and social security number of each person applying for such a license.

All intern applicants must complete a state and federal criminal background check through the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, if one has not been completed through the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy within the last four years. (If you are not sure if you have had a criminal background check through ASBP within the last four years, please email the address below.)

Once an intern license has been obtained the foreign graduate must work 500 hours under the supervision of a Preceptor and an additional 1500 hours under the supervision of a pharmacist. After the completion of the required 2000 hours, the foreign intern must then take the NAPLEX and Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam.

If you would like an application, please send an email with your name and mailing address to: [asbp@arkansas.gov](mailto:asbp@arkansas.gov).