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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Mr. John C. Wilkie, Jr.  
Executive Secretary  
The Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners  
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Dear Mr. Wilkie:

You have requested an opinion from this Office as to whether or not the Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners (Board) is authorized to exempt a candidate for licensure as a registered pharmacist from the internship requirements imposed by [Regulation 99-12](#) of the Board. In my opinion, it is not so authorized as hereinafter discussed.

As I understand the fact situation, a Canadian pharmacist who has recently graduated from the College of Pharmacy of the Medical University of South Carolina and has practiced her profession in Canada for several years is requesting exemption from the 1500 hours of supervised experience required by [Regulation 99-12](#). Although the statutory provisions provide that “a graduate of a reputable college of pharmacy shall be entitled to examination upon graduation and on afterwards producing proof of three years' experience may be licensed if otherwise qualified.” [§ 40-43-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976], the Board has by regulation required that an applicant's practical experience include 1500 hours of supervised experience. Because of these requirements imposed by regulation and because of the absence of any provision therein granting the Board the discretion to suspend those requirements in appropriate circumstances, the Board is without authority to so suspend them.

With kind regards,

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Senior Assistant Attorney General

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