Effective January 1, 2003, North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination™ (NAPLEX®) candidates will pay a base fee of $300 and a $130 vendor administrative fee for a total registration fee of $430. Those registering for the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination™ (MPJE®) will pay a $110 base fee and a $60 vendor administrative fee for a total registration fee of $170. The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) will notify all candidates who submit applications postmarked on or after January 1, 2003, without the appropriate fees that their applications will not be processed until the proper fees are provided to NABP.

Why are Fees Increasing?
The decision to increase fees was prompted by a recent notice from Chauncey Group International, NABP’s testing vendor, that sitting fees for the NAPLEX and MPJE will increase significantly over the next several years. After intense negotiations with Chauncey, NABP’s Executive Committee successfully reduced the increases in sitting fees. The Executive Committee also examined both examinations’ development costs that have been in place for the NAPLEX since 1997 and for the MPJE since its inception in 1999. As a result of the increase in sitting fees charged by Chauncey and the steadily rising examination development costs, NABP’s Executive Committee voted to implement the above fee increases. It is anticipated that both the vendor administrative fee and the base fee will remain unchanged through 2004.

What is the Difference between Vendor Fees and Base Fees?
The examination fees are composed of two parts.

- **Vendor administrative fees** relate to the use of the testing center and the on-site activities relating to the examination experience. These fees are set by the Chauncey Group International, and, therefore, may be adjusted annually according to the needs of the test vendor.

- **Base fees** serve to offset NABP’s costs for examination development and registrations, and helps support such non-revenue member services as meetings and publications. These fees are managed by NABP and are, therefore, less likely to increase annually than the vendor fees.
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NABP is committed to providing the state boards of pharmacy and those who use and depend on our programs with the best possible service at the most affordable cost. We will continue to seek out cost-effective opportunities for improving program operations and procedures. Thank you.

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