



IBPE Petition for Waiver

State of Iowa

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List each rule you are requesting to be waived:	657 2.4(147,155A) Licensure by examination {2.4(2) Timeliness }
Describe specifically which requirements you are requesting to be waived	Exam due date/ Eligibility period I am requesting to extend my current eligibility period to take both NAPLEX and MPJE exams that ends on September 1st 2020, for another year, due to COVID 19 pandemic.
Start Date	9 1 2020
End Date	8 1 2021
Have you previously requested a waiver of any of the rules listed above?	No
If so, what was the outcome?	
Explain why following the rule would pose an undue hardship:	I am married and I have two kids, one of them is 4 years old and the other is a 9 months old baby. On November 2019, I had to travel to Egypt because of some family issues, and I am currently stuck here, because of the cancellation of international flights due to COVID 19 pandemic. 1 As I am not a USA resident, I had to apply to get a Visa through the USA embassy in Egypt, which just started to schedule appointments, and the nearest appointment so far is November 29th. 2 Because I have a 9 months old baby, it would be really difficult to travel without him, and I won't feel safe to take him with me in an international flight during the current spread of the current CORONA virus. 3 Personally, I do not feel safe to travel internationally during the current pandemic.
Explain how waiving the rule may impact other people:	Taking my exam on September 1st 2020 (the last date of my eligibility) will definitely affect my health and subsequently my kids' health. As taking a flight from Egypt to USA during the current pandemic, will place me in a position where I can easily get infected with COVID 19. Thus waiving my current exam eligibility deadline would protect myself and my family from any

	possible harm from the current corona virus pandemic.
Explain how the rule is intended to protect the public health, safety, or welfare:	As what I want is to extend is my current eligibility to take the exam, thus this rule does not have a direct impact on the public health.
Explain how the public health, safety, or welfare can still be protected if the rule is waived:	As mentioned in my answer to the former question, waiving the rule, won't impact the public health.
Have you spoken to a Board compliance officer or other member of Board staff about your request?	No
If so, who?	
Do you plan to attend the Board meeting when this Petition will be considered?	No
Attach any relevant documentation to support your answers.	https://seam.ly/XQYI95T6 Mariam Wanis petition to waive deadline of NAPLEX and MPJE exam eligibility.pdf
Sign Here	Mariam Wanis    at: July 11, 2020 4:35am America/New_York
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Mears, Sue <sue.mears@iowa.gov>

Waiver request

Mariam Wanis [REDACTED]

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 9:27 AM

To: "Mears, Sue" <sue.mears@iowa.gov>

Sue,

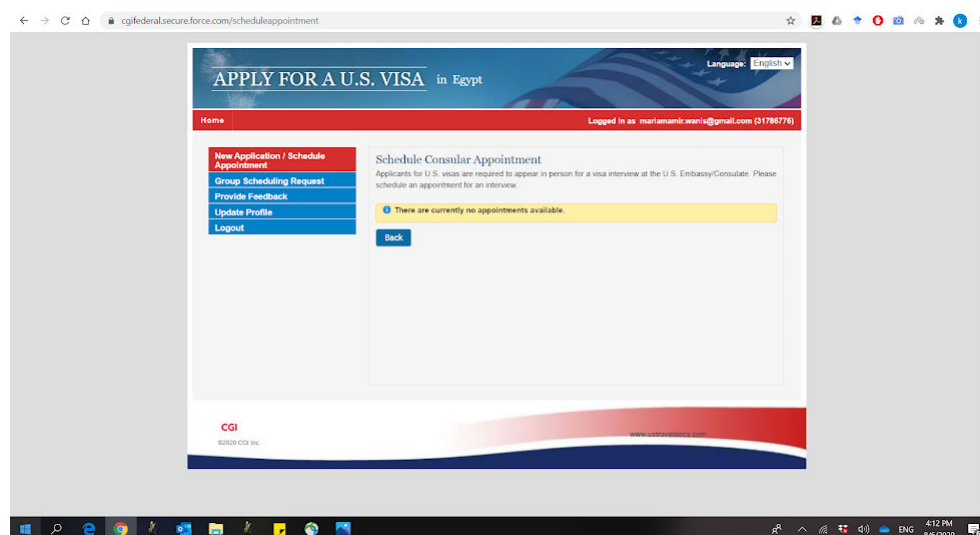
Sorry for emailing you again regarding my waiver petition, but I have one more information to add to my application.

When I was filling my waiver petition, I checked the USA embassy's website in Egypt and it mentioned that the nearest available appointment was in **late November** (And this is what I mentioned in my petition).

However, after fulfilling all of the visa requirements, I tried to book an appointment in the embassy today (to apply for USA visa, in order to be able to enter the USA to take the NAPLEX exam), and i found that they **are not scheduling any appointments at all**, and they do not even mention when are they going to start scheduling Visa appointments.

I am attaching a screenshot of the Embassy's website, with my email in the top right hand corner, showing that there are no available appointments and on the lower right side you will find today's date.

Would you please add this information to my waiver petition, so that the board can understand that I am currently stuck in Egypt because of the closure of the USA embassy.



Thanks again and again for all of your help.

Best Regards,

Mariam Wanis

Iowa intern registration number is 7169

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This is a quick overview of my current situation, and why do I need an extension to my current eligibility to take the NAPLEX and MPJE exams.

My name is **Mariam Wanis**

My Iowa pharmacist intern registration number is **7169 (Document #1)**

My NABP e-Profile ID: **1347900 (Document #2)**

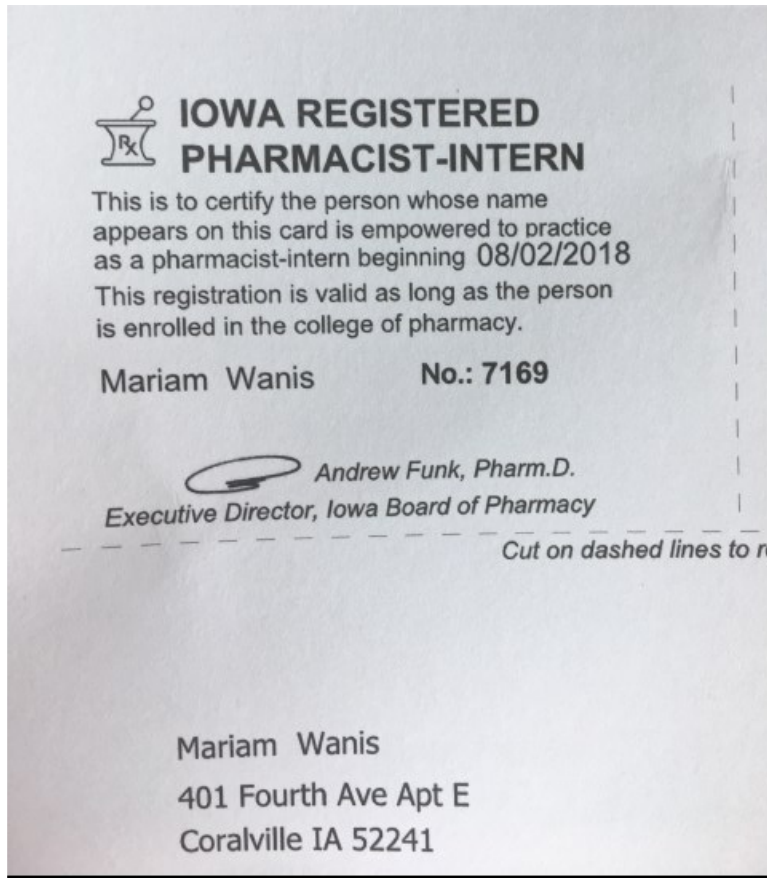
I finished the required pharmacist intern hours by August 2019, and when I applied for the NAPLEX exam, I was approved to take the NAPLEX and MPJE exams within a **year that ends on 9/1/2020. (Document #2)**

On November 2019, I had to travel to Egypt because of some family issues, and I am currently stuck there. **(Document #3)**

- 1- Since March 2020, The USA embassy in Egypt stopped scheduling VISA appointments because of the COVID-19 pandemic. And as I am not a USA resident, I still have to apply for a visa to enter the USA.
(<https://eg.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/>). **(Document #4)**
- 2- Currently USA visa appointments are open in the USA embassy in Egypt. However, the nearest appointment is on November 29th, 2020, which is past the expiration of my current exam eligibility. **(Document #5)**
- 3- I am a mom of two kids, one of them is just 9 months old baby. It would be really difficult to travel without him, and I won't even feel safe to take him with me in an international flight during the current spread of the current CORONA virus. **Thus traveling internationally during the current international situation would impose severe hardship to myself and my family.**
- 4- Personally, I do not feel safe to travel internationally during the current pandemic, and I think that it would take a while to retain confidence in the safety of international flights.

Based on all of the former information, I would like to request to waive the deadline of **my current eligibility** to take both NAPLEX and MPJE exams, and I would like to extend my eligibility **for another year** that ends on **8/1/2021**, because of the current COVID-19 pandemic and all of its associated hardships mentioned above.

Best Regards,
Mariam Wanis



Document-1, Iowa registered pharmacist intern

Exam Services

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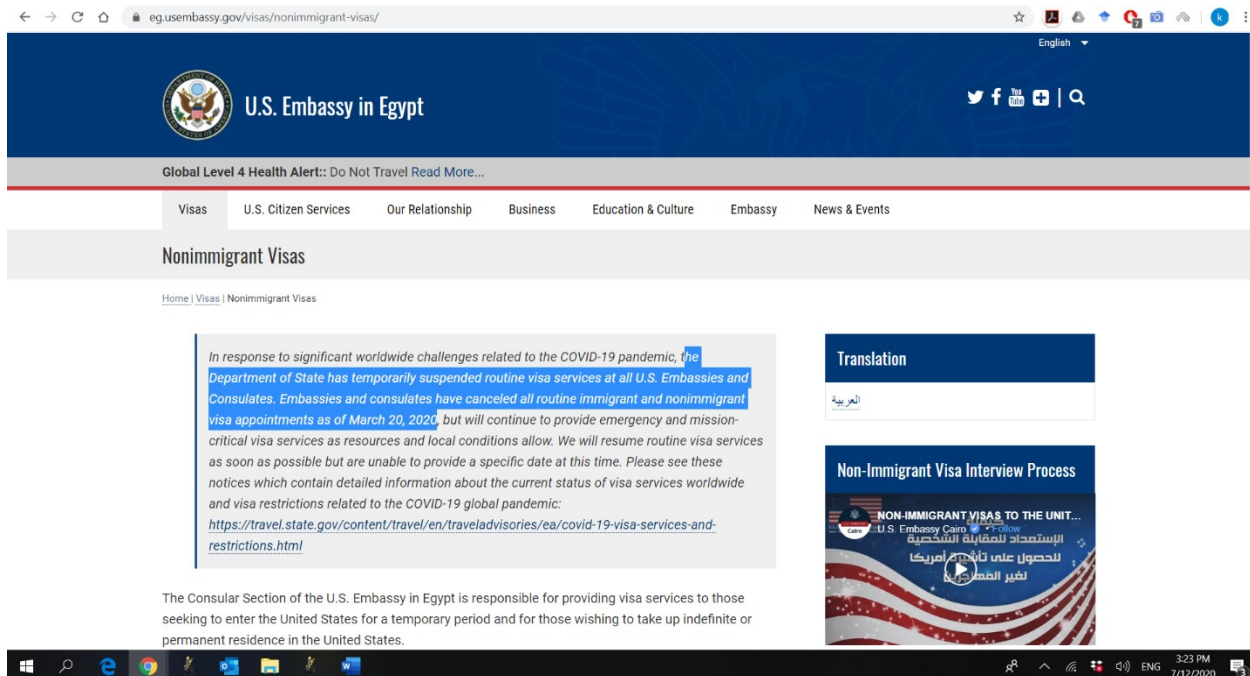
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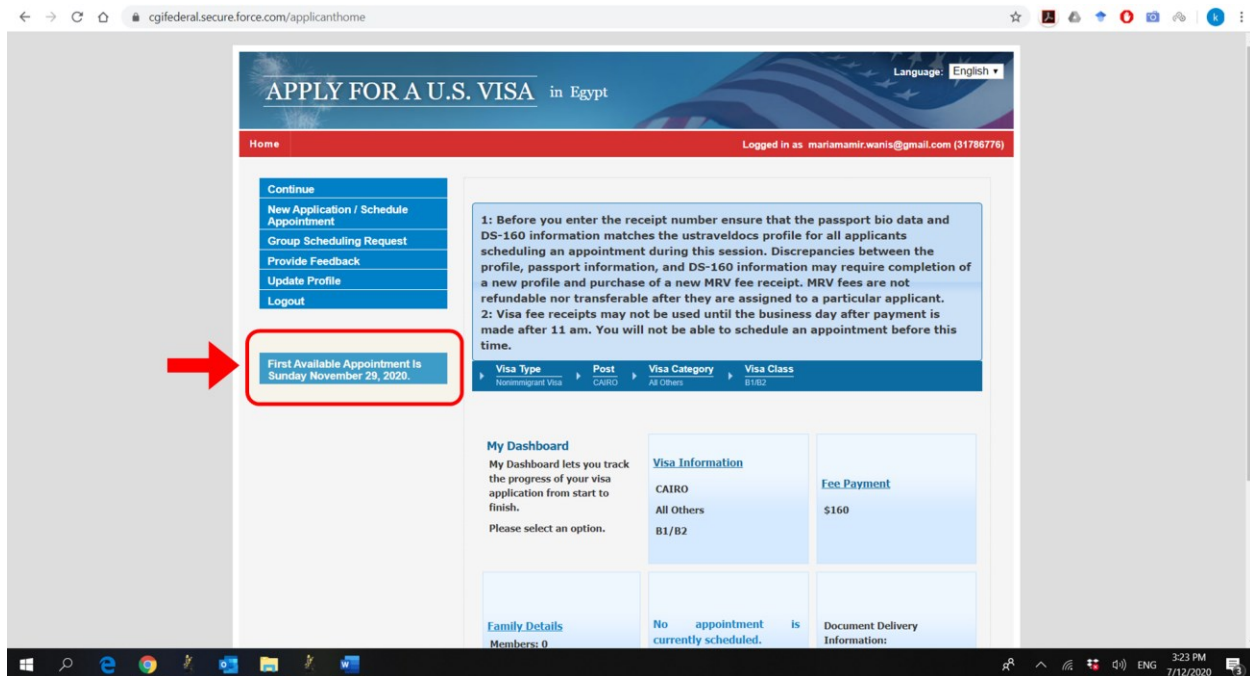
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Application Number	Application Type	Application Status More Info	Application Date	Eligibility Expiration Date	Action More Info	Purchase More Info
3704653	NAPLEX - Iowa	Eligibility Granted	08/03/2019	09/01/2020		
3704654	MPIE - Iowa	Eligibility Granted	08/03/2019	09/01/2020		

Document-2, NABP e-profile ID and exams eligibility expiration dates



Document-4, Website of USA embassy in Egypt indicating the suspension of routine visa services since March 2020. Accessed on July 12th 2020.



Document-5, Website of USA embassy in Egypt showing that November 29th, 2020 is the first available Visa appointment. Accessed on July 12th 2020.