

Chapter Opt 3

EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS

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History: Chapter Opt 3 and 4 as they existed on March 31, 1989 were repealed and a new chapter Optometry 3 was created effective April 1, 1989.

Opt 3.01 Scheduling of examination. The optometry examining board shall fix a time and place for the examination of applicants for licensure.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89.

Opt 3.02 Application for examination. (1) An applicant for examination for licensure as an optometrist shall file with the board at least 30 days prior to the date of the scheduled examination under s. Opt 3.03, a completed, sworn application on a form provided by the board. The application shall include:

- (a) The fee specified in figure RL 4.04 (3), column 3; and
- (b) A current passport type photograph of the applicant.

(2) The national board of examiners in optometry shall forward to the board proof of the applicant's passing the national board examination.

(3) An accredited college of optometry approved and recognized by the board shall forward to the board a certified transcript of the applicant.

Note: The board annually reviews for approval the colleges of optometry accredited by the council on optometry education of the American Optometric Association or other accrediting bodies. A list of board approved colleges of optometry is available from the board upon request.

(4) An applicant who has a pending criminal charge or who has been convicted of any crime shall provide the board all related information necessary for the board to determine whether the circumstances of the pending criminal charge or conviction substantially relate to the circumstances of the licensed activity.

(5) Failure of an applicant to give complete and correct answers to all questions on the application may be considered sufficient reason for denial of license or for discipline after the license is issued.

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Opt 3.03 Practical examination. (1) **CLINICAL EXAMINATION.** An applicant shall pass a comprehensive clinical examination on subject parts as determined by the board.

(2) **STATE LAW EXAMINATION.** An applicant shall pass an examination on state law relating to optometry including, but not limited to ch. 449, Stats. and chs. Opt 1 to 5.

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Opt 3.04 Unauthorized assistance. An applicant who gives or receives unauthorized assistance during the written or clinical examination may be denied licensure by the board. Future consideration of the applicant shall be at the discretion of the board.

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Opt 3.05 Controls. Time limits and other necessary controls may be announced by the board chairperson or examiner prior to the examinations.

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Opt 3.06 Instructions to be followed. Credit may be denied on any questions if examination instructions are not followed.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89.

Opt 3.07 Passing grade (1) NATIONAL EXAMINATION. To pass the examination of the national board of examiners in optometry, an applicant shall receive a grade equal to or higher than the passing score recommended by the national board of examiners in optometry.

(2) **PRACTICAL EXAMINATION.** (a) To pass the clinical examination, an applicant shall receive an average grade of 75 or above with no grade lower than 70 on any part of the examination.

(b) To pass the state law examination, each applicant must receive a grade of 75 or above.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89.

Opt 3.08 Failure and review. In case of failure of an applicant on the practical examination, all grades below 75 shall be reviewed by the board or by 2 members designated by the chairperson.

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Opt 3.09 Announcement of results. Examination results shall be released to the applicant after all papers are graded and the results have been approved by the board.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89.

Opt 3.10 Re-examination. (1) CLINICAL EXAMINATION. An applicant who fails the clinical examination due to the failure of one part of the examination may retake the failed part only. An applicant who fails the clinical examination due to the failure of 2 or more parts of the clinical examination, or who fails to achieve an overall average of 75, shall be required to retake the entire clinical examination. The fee for re-examination shall be as specified in s. RL 4.04 (3).

(2) **STATE LAW EXAMINATION.** An applicant who fails the state law examination shall be required to retake that section of the practical examination.

(3) **LIMITATION ON RE-EXAMINATION.** If an applicant does not pass all parts of the examination under sub. (1) or (2) within 3 years of the first attempt, the applicant shall retake and pass the entire clinical and state law examination in order to be licensed.

Note: The procedures for license denial are covered in ch. RL 1.

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