

## Chapter Opt 4

### LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY

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**History:** Chapter Opt 5 as it existed on March 31, 1989 was repealed, and a new chapter Opt 4 was created effective April 1, 1989.

**Opt 4.01 Qualifications.** An optometrist holding a license to practice optometry in another state may become licensed in Wisconsin if the applicant does all of the following:

- (1) Has graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry approved by the board.
- (2) Has passed the examination of the national board of examiners in optometry or a licensing examination in another state.
- (3) Has practiced optometry for at least 5 years.
- (4) Has passed the required state board examination administered by the board as set forth in s. Opt 4.03.
- (5) Has never been disciplined by the licensing authority in any other state, territory or country for any misconduct or violations which evidence lack of competence to practice optometry in Wisconsin as determined by the board.
- (6) Is not aware of any current investigation against the applicant's license to practice optometry in any state or jurisdiction.
- (7) Does not have a pending criminal charge or a conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89; am. Register, April, 1996, No. 484, eff. 5-1-96.

**Opt 4.02 Application procedures.** (1) An applicant for licensure under this chapter shall file with the board, no later than 60 days prior to the examination, a completed, sworn application on a form provided by the board. The application shall include:

- (a) The signature of the applicant;

(b) Notice as to whether the applicant has been disciplined in any state in which he or she has held a license; and

(c) The fee authorized in s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

**Note:** A list of all current examination fees may be obtained at no charge from the Office of Examinations, Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1409 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

(2) An accredited school or 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.

(3) All states in which the applicant has ever held a license shall forward to the board verification of the applicant's licensure in those states.

(4) Applicants who have a pending criminal charge or have 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 are substantially related to the circumstances of the licensed activity.

**Note:** For DPA certification the applicant must also meet requirements in ch. RL 10.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89; am. (1) (intro.) and (c), Register, June, 1990, No. 414, eff. 7-1-90; am. (1) (c), Register, July, 1994, No. 463, eff. 8-1-94; am. (1) (c), Register, April, 1996, No. 484, eff. 5-1-96.

**Opt 4.03 Examinations.** (1) An applicant for a license by reciprocity under this chapter shall take and pass the state board examinations as set forth in s. Opt 3.03.

(2) The passing grade shall be as specified in s. Opt 3.07.

**Note:** The conduct of examinations administered by the board is specified in ch. Opt 3.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89; am. (1), Register, April, 1996, No. 484, eff. 5-1-96.