

## **Applicants for Examination and Licensure:**

Applications for optometry licensure are accepted by the Board at any time during the year. An application may be downloaded at this site: <http://oregonobo.org/Applicns.0707.pdf>

In addition to Parts I, II and III, and TMOD, the National Board of Examiners in Optometry administers the Oregon Law and Administrative Rules Exam. Please review the NBEO web site to register for any of these exams at: <http://www.optometry.org/>. ***The Board will only score Oregon Law and Administrative Rule Examinations from individuals who have applied for licensure.***

The Oregon Law and Administrative Rules may be downloaded at the Board's website at: <http://oregonobo.org/orstatru.htm> - or- you may contact the Board of Optometry office approximately one month before you are scheduled to take the Oregon Law Exam to request a copy of the most recent printing of the law and administrative rules. Printing fees will be applicable.

Note that the rules outlined below, OAR 852-10-015 - Application for Examination and Licensure and OAR 852-10-020 - Rules for Examination and Licensure, are the current rules governing applicants for examination and licensure.

Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 852-10-015 - Application for Examination and Licensure indicates:

- (1) Each applicant must meet educational qualifications and must comply with the requirements of ORS 683.040 before the applicant will be accepted for examination and licensure.
- (2) Each inquiry regarding application for licensure as a Doctor of Optometry must be directed to the office of the Board of Optometry.
- (3) The application will be completed upon receipt by the Board of:
  - (a) An application form;
  - (b) A copy of the official final transcript from an accredited College of Optometry indicating receipt of the Doctor of Optometry degree;
  - (c) A copy of the record establishing satisfactory completion of a course in pharmacology as it applies to optometry from an institution approved under ORS 683.040(2) when applicable;
  - (d) Verification of the passage of the examination of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry;
  - (e) Receipt by the Board's office of the \$200.00 application fee; and
  - (f) Confirmation that a candidate for licensure has not been sanctioned for violating the laws, rules and standard of ethics of another jurisdiction if licensed therein.
  - (g) Documentation of completion of the required continuing optometric education.
- (4) Any application received from an optometrist who has been sanctioned by revocation of license by another optometric licensing jurisdiction shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Board.

Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 852-10-020 - Examination and Licensure states:

- (1) Pursuant to ORS 683.060(2), the Board will require a passing score on Parts I, II, and III (PAM and Clinical Skills), and TMOD (Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease) of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination. NBEO standards for passing the NBEO examination will be acceptable to the Board, and
- (2) The applicant for examination and licensure must provide confirmation from all states ever licensed regarding violation of laws, rules, and standards of ethics while licensed in those states.
- (3) The applicant for examination and licensure must pass a written examination relating to Oregon optometric law and administrative rules, and
  - (a) must score at least 75 on the written examination, and
  - (b) must pass the written examination within the 12 months previous to date of Oregon licensure.
  - (c) Since the Administrative Rule and Law examination is not clinical in nature, any applicant who does not receive a passing score on the Administrative Rule and Law examination may retake the Administrative Rule and Law examination within 90 days of the reading of the results. The Board will set a location, date and time for the administration. The examination fee for administration of the Administrative Rule and Law examination by the Board is \$75.00.
- (4) Any applicant whose conduct constitutes cheating or subverting of the process of the evaluation of professional competency by the Board or by an examiner may be dismissed from the examination and denied licensure.

As part of your application for an initial or renewed professional license issued by the Oregon Board of Optometry, you are required to provide your Social Security Number to the Board. This is mandatory. The authority for this requirement is Oregon Laws 1997, Chapter 746, section 117 (ORS 25.785) and USC 666(a)(13). Failure to provide your Social Security Number will be a basis to refuse to issue or renew the license you seek. This record of your Social Security Number will be used for reporting to the Oregon Department of Revenue, Oregon Department of Justice (Division of Child Support), National Practitioner Data Bank (Public Law 99-660 as codified by 45 CFR Part 60 (Title IV)), Health Care Integrity and Protection Data Bank (Public Law 104-91 and amended by PL 105-33 (Section 1128E of the Social Security Act), and the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry. The date and place of birth and gender information is used internally by the Board and for reporting to the agencies referenced above.

The Oregon Board of Optometry is required by SB 786 (2001 Session) to report to the Legislature on the racial and ethnic makeup of applicants and professionals regulated the Board. Provision of this information is voluntary. However, we would encourage you to supply the information in order that the Board can more effectively meet its requirements under the law. The Board is using the race and ethnicity definitions of the U.S. Census Bureau to categorize this information.

If you have any questions concerning the examination and licensure process, please contact Cathy Boudreau, Administrative Assistant, or David Plunkett, Executive Director at the Board's office.

## Applicant Check List

Graduated within past 12 months - no other licenses	Graduated within past 12 months - other state licenses	Graduated more than 12 months ago	No NBEO Part III Test Passing Results
<input type="checkbox"/> Application for licensure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Application for licensure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Application for licensure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Application for licensure.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300.00 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript mailed from School of Optometry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript mailed from School of Optometry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript mailed from School of Optometry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript mailed from School of Optometry.
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score results sent from NBEO, Parts I, II, III, TMOD.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score results sent from NBEO, Parts I, II, III, TMOD.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score results sent from NBEO, Parts I, II, III, TMOD. Passing score on 2002 or later TMOD or proof of completion of approved 23-hour AOT didactic course.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score results sent from NBEO, Parts I, II, TMOD. Passing score on 2002 or later TMOD or proof of completion of approved 23-hour AOT didactic course.
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card.	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card.	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card.	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Letters of verification of license status mailed to the Board from all states in which a license has ever been held.	<input type="checkbox"/> Letters of verification of license status mailed to the Board from all states in which a license has ever been held.	<input type="checkbox"/> Letters of verification of license status mailed to the Board from all states in which a license has ever been held. <b>*Results for clinical exam from current state of licensure</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of completion of required continuing education.	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of completion of required continuing education.

## **The following definitions are from the U. S. Census Bureau.**

**Race** — The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. These categories are sociopolitical constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Furthermore, the race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.

**White** — A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as “White” or report entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab, or Polish.

**Black or African American** — A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as “Black, African Am., or Negro,” or provide written entries such as African American, Afro American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

**American Indian and Alaska Native** — A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment. It includes people who classify themselves as described below.

*American Indian* — Includes people who indicate their race as “American Indian,” entered the name of an Indian tribe, or report such entries as Canadian Indian, French-American Indian, or Spanish-American Indian.

*Alaska Native* — Includes of Eskimos, Aleuts, and Alaska Indians as well as entries such as Arctic Slope, Inupiat, Yupik, Alutiiq, Egegik, and Pribilovian. The Alaska tribes are the Alaskan Athabaskan, Tlingit, and Haida.

**Asian** — A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. It includes “Asian Indian,” “Chinese,” “Filipino,” “Korean,” “Japanese,” “Vietnamese,” and “Other Asian.”

*Asian Indian* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Asian Indian” or identify themselves as Bengalese, Bharat, Dravidian, East Indian, or Goanese.

*Chinese* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Chinese” or who identify themselves as Cantonese, or Chinese American. Written entries of Taiwanese are included with Chinese.

*Filipino* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Filipino” or who report entries such as Philipino, Philippine, or Filipino American.

*Japanese* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Japanese” or who report entries such as Nipponese or Japanese American.

*Korean* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Korean” or who provide a response of Korean American.

*Vietnamese* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Vietnamese” or who provide a response of Vietnamese American.

*Cambodian* — Includes people who provide a response such as Cambodian or Cambodia.

*Hmong* — Includes people who provide a response such as Hmong, Laohmong, or Mong.

*Laotian* — Includes people who provide a response such as Laotian, Laos, or Lao.

*Thai* — Includes people who provide a response such as Thai, Thailand, or Siamese.

*Other Asian* — Includes people who provide a response of Bangladeshi, Burmese, Indonesian, Pakistani, or Sri Lankan.

**Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander** — A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicate their race as “Native Hawaiian,” “Guamanian or Chamorro,” “Samoan,” and “Other Pacific Islander.”

*Native Hawaiian* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Native Hawaiian” or who identify themselves as “Part Hawaiian” or “Hawaiian.”

*Guamanian or Chamorro* — Includes people who indicate their race as such, including written entries of Chamorro or Guam.

*Samoan* — Includes people who indicate their race as “Samoan” or who identified themselves as American Samoan or Western Samoan.

*Other Pacific Islander* — Includes people who provided a response of a Pacific Islander group such as Tahitian, Northern Mariana Islander, Palauan, Fijian, or a cultural group such as Melanesian, Micronesian, or Polynesian.

**Some Other Race** — Includes all other responses not included in the “White,” “Black or African American,” “American Indian and Alaska Native,” “Asian,” and the “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander” race categories described above. Respondents providing write-in entries such as multiracial, mixed, interracial, or a Hispanic/Latino group (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Cuban) in the “Some other race” category are included in this category.

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