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Optometry Licensure Requirements

Application is good for one (1) year from the date of receipt. If all required information is not received within this one (1) year period; you must begin the application process from the beginning. This includes, but is not limited to, the application fee, transcripts, license verifications, etc.

Licensure

A person is qualified to receive a certificate of licensure if the following requirements are met:

- Submission of a completed application and payment of licensure fee(s).
- Graduate from a school or college of optometry which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Optometric Education and requires four years of attendance. Institutions accredited by other accrediting bodies must be review by the Board prior to approval.
- Pass the National Board of Examiners in Optometry Parts I, II, III, and the TMOD.
- Pass the South Carolina Optometric Jurisprudence Examination.

Applicants will be made eligible for the SC Optometric Jurisprudence Examination after completed application is submitted to the Board.

Licensure by Endorsement

A person is qualified to receive a certificate of licensure by endorsement if the following requirements are met:

- Submission of a completed application and payment of licensure fee(s).
- Graduate from a school or college of optometry which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Optometric Education and requires four years of attendance. Institutions accredited by other accrediting bodies must be review by the Board prior to approval.
- Submission of verification of current and in good standing optometry license in another jurisdiction. Applicant must have practiced at the therapeutic level during the preceding twelve (12) months or twenty four (24) of the last thirty six (36), and is authorized by law to treat glaucoma.
- Submission of documentation showing satisfactory completion of the examination by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry offered at the time of first licensure or passing of the TMOD.
- Pass the South Carolina Optometric Jurisprudence Examination.

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