



Optometry Licensure Reinstatement Requirements and Application Process Overview

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Licensure

A person is qualified for reinstatement of licensure if the following requirements are met:

- License lapsed within two years of the date of application.
- Submission of forty (40) hours of continuing education.
- Submission of verification of current and in good standing optometry license in another jurisdiction, if applicable.
- Pass the South Carolina Optometric Jurisprudence Examination.

If the license lapsed for more than two years prior to the date of application, reapplication is required.

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- 1. Application** – In addition to a completed application, the following must also be sent:
 - **Application Fee:** \$330 application fee (\$230 renewal fee + \$100 reinstatement fee) must be submitted in order to transmit the application. Check or money order are to be made payable to SC Board of Examiners in Optometry. (Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable) *A returned check fee of up to \$30, or an amount specified by law, may be assessed on all returned funds.*
 - **Identification:**
 - Copy of your valid Driver's License, State Issued ID, Passport
 - Copy of Social Security Card, signed
 - **Notarized Verification of Lawful Presence Form**
 - **Continuing Education:** Proof of forty (40) hours of continuing education must be submitted. Continuing education must meet the CE requirements found on the Board website at www.llr.sc.gov/opto/ce.aspx.
 - **DEA Registration:** DEA registration is required for licensees who prescribe controlled substances. Information regarding SC requirement for DEA Registration can be found on the [SC DHEC, Bureau of Drug Control website](#).

- **Legal documentation of name change:** (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.)
 - **Personal History Questions:** You will need to attach a written explanation for any “Yes” answers in the Personal History Information section on a separate sheet of paper. Additional information may be requested by the Board Office or a Board appearance may be necessary.
2. **Jurisprudence Examination:** Once the completed application is approved, you will be e-mailed instructions with a UserID to take the exam online. A score of 70 or higher is considered a passing score. Do not send in your certificate of passing, the Board is automatically notified.

To prepare for the Jurisprudence exam, you should review the Optometry Laws and Regulations located on the website at www.llr.sc.gov/opto/laws.aspx .