OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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://www.oregon.gov/obo/licensing/Pages/forms-fees.aspx

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/* .

A compilation of the Oregon Optometry Law and Administrative Rules may be downloaded at the Board's website at: http://www.oregon.gov/obo/board/Pages/statutes.aspx

Note that the rules outlined below, OAR 852-010-0015 - Application for Examination and Licensure and OAR 852-010-0020 - Rules for Examination and Licensure, are the current rules governing applicants for examination and licensure.

Oregon Administrative Rules
OAR 852-010-0015 – "Application for Examination and Licensure":
(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) Applications for licensure as an optometric physician in Oregon must be directed to the office of the Board.

(3) The application is complete upon receipt by the Board of:

(a) A signed 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 (NBEO);

(e) Receipt by the Board's office of the application fee and criminal background check fee as posted in OAR 852-010-0080; (see also: **OAR 852-050-0025 "State Criminal Record Check and Fitness Determination"**)

(f) Written confirmation sent directly from the licensing entity of each other state in which the candidate has ever been licensed that the candidate for licensure has not been sanctioned for violating the laws, rules and standards of ethics of that jurisdiction;

(g) Documentation of completion of the required continuing optometric education;

(h) Documentation of current CPR certification, as required in OAR 852-080-0040;

(i) Proof of meeting the requirements of OAR 852 Division 80 – Pharmaceutical Agents, for licensure with the non-topical certification (AT) or non-topical certification with injections (ATI);

(j) Proof of passage of the Oregon optometric law and administrative rules examination; and

(k) Satisfactory results of a criminal records background check as defined in OAR 852-050-0025.

(4) Any application received from an optometrist who has been sanctioned by another optometric licensing jurisdiction is individually reviewed and considered by the Board.

OAR 852-010-0020 – "Examination and Licensure" states:
(1) Pursuant to ORS 683.060(2), the Board will require a passing score on Parts I, II, 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 are acceptable to the Board.

(2) The applicant for examination and licensure must:

(a) Provide written confirmation sent directly from the licensing entity of each other state in which the applicant has ever been licensed that the applicant for licensure has not been sanctioned for violating the laws, rules or standards of ethics of that jurisdiction. In addition, the Board will query the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank for adverse actions on each person making an application for licensure;

(b) Submit documentation of continuing education hours as required in OAR 852 Division 70;

(c) Pass, by a score of 80 of better, a Board-approved written examination relating to Oregon optometric law and administrative rules within the 12 months before date of Oregon licensure. Because the Administrative Rule and Law examination is not clinical in nature, there is no waiting period before an examination retake. If the examination is not available through the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, the Board will set location(s), date(s) time(s) and fees for administration of the examination.

(3) 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, section117 (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 lists the race and ethnicity definitions of the U.S. Census Bureau to categorize this information.

If you have any questions concerning the licensing process, please contact the Board's office: Debbie Hendricks: (503) 399-0662 ext. 2 - or - debbie.hendricks@oregon.gov

OBO Applicant Check List

Graduated within past 12 months - no other licenses

- ❑ Application for licensure.
- ❑ $245 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.
- ❑ Transcript mailed from school of optometry.
- ❑ Passing score results sent from NBEO, Parts I, II, III, TMOD.
- ❑ Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.
- ❑ Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card or equivalent.
- ❑ Fingerprints at FieldPrint site.

Graduated within past 12 months - other state licenses

- ❑ Application for licensure.
- ❑ $245 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.
- ❑ Transcript mailed from School of Optometry.
- ❑ Passing score results sent from NBEO, Parts I, II, III, TMOD.
- ❑ Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.
- ❑ Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card or equivalent.
- ❑ Letters of verification of license status mailed to the Board from all states in which a license has ever been held.
- ❑ Fingerprints at FieldPrint site.

Graduated more than 12 months ago

- ❑ Application for licensure.
- ❑ $245 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.
- ❑ Transcript mailed from School of Optometry.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.
- ❑ Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card or equivalent.
- ❑ Letters of verification of license status mailed to the Board from all states in which a license has ever been held.
- ❑ Proof of completion of required continuing education, pursuant to OAR 852-070.
- ❑ Fingerprints at FieldPrint site.

No NBEO Part III Test Passing Results

- ❑ Application for licensure.
- ❑ $345 check payable to the Oregon Board of Optometry.
- ❑ Transcript mailed from School of Optometry.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Passing score on Law and Administrative Rules exam.
- ❑ Copy of current American Heart Assoc. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card or equivalent.
- ❑ Letters of verification of license status mailed to the Board from all states in which a license has ever been held. **Must include results for clinical exam passed in current state of licensure**
- ❑ Proof of completion of required continuing education, pursuant to OAR 852-070.
- ❑ Fingerprints at FieldPrint site.