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This e-book is dedicated to the profession of optometry, a truly wonderful field.
Foreword From The Author

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Introduction

A license granted by each state’s regulatory board of optometry must be obtained upon graduating from an accredited optometry school for optometrists to legally practice in the United States. Obtaining a license varies from state to state in regards to fees, requirements, and application processes. The following is meant to serve as a guide to help new graduates of optometry obtain the proper information to successfully complete the licensing application process based on state.

Note: Fees are approximations. There may be additional fees or different fees for obtaining fingerprinting if not residing in the state you are applying for a license. There may also be other fees associated with obtaining documents, having scores and/or transcripts sent, or notarizing documents.

Remember – licensing is half the battle. The average new grad will put in lots of effort when it comes to….

• Finding a position / career
• Getting on insurance panels
• Interviewing
• Getting malpractice insurance
• Deal with taxes
• Understanding business basics
• Much more

For these topics, NewGradOptometry.com is here to help you 100% of the way. We urge you to check back on NGO on a regular basis to catch the latest articles.
Alabama

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III and completion of a written exam given by the Alabama Board of Optometry

Fees: $500

Application Process:

1. Complete the Alabama Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit official transcripts from the schools and colleges attended for optometry, undergraduate, and high school attended.
3. Complete the background check requirement (Instructions are within application).
4. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III.
5. Pass the standard examination given by the Alabama Board of Optometry (information regarding exam can be found in the application).
6. Complete and submit to the Board for approval a protocol furnished by the Board for the use of pharmaceutical agents in the treatment of the eye and its adjacent structures upon passing standard examination given by Alabama Board of Optometry.

Alaska

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, ISE, and completion of law exam given by the Alaska Board of Optometry.

Fees: $500

Application Process:

1. Complete the Alaska Board of Optometry Application.
2. Authorize release of records for use by the Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing and its investigators.
3. Submit official transcripts from optometry school.
4. Provide three notarized reference letters submitted directly from the person of reference.
5. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, III, TMOD, and ISE.
6. Submit a copy of a valid DEA if appropriate.
7. Pass the Alaska State Optometry Law Examination (information regarding exam can be found in application) after approval of application and receipt of its contents.
Arizona

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, and completion of law exam given by the Arizona Board of Optometry

Fees: $572

Application Process:

1. Complete the Arizona Board of Optometry Application.
2. Provide copies of documents pertinent to applications statement of citizenship or alien status for state public benefits requirement.
3. Fingerprints taken by a criminal justice agency.
4. Submit payment to obtain a state and federal criminal records check.
5. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, III, and TMOD.
6. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for undergraduate and optometry school.
7. Submit a self-query from the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank made 3 months before the date of the application (more information regarding this process within the application).
8. Submit a copy of CPR certification.
9. Pass the Arizona State Optometry Jurisprudence Examination (information regarding exam can be found in application) that can be taken at any time during the application process.

Arkansas

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, and completion of law and pharmacology exam given by the Arkansas Board of Optometry.

Fees: $400

Application Process:

1. Submit an application to the Secretary of the Board dictating his/her name, address, date of birth, educational history with locations and dates of attendance.
2. Provide three non-related personal references to attest to the applicant’s character.
3. Successfully pass the mandated Arkansas State Board examination that is administered at least twice a year in either oral, written or both oral and written format.
California

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and completion of law exam given by the California Board of Optometry.

Fees: $409

Application Process:

1. Complete the California Board of Optometry Application.
2. Fingerprints taken by a criminal justice agency.
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
5. Pass the California State Optometry Law Examination after processing of application and its contents.

Colorado

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law exam given by the Colorado Board of Optometry.

Fees: $200

Application Process:

1. Complete the Colorado Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Complete an online healthcare professions profile (more information can be found in the application).
5. Complete the Colorado Board of Optometry take home law exam (part of application).

Connecticut

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

Fees: $565

Application Process:
1. Complete the Connecticut Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.

**Delaware**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

**Fees:** $268

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Delaware Board of Optometry Application. New graduates that wish to practice in Delaware must complete a six-month internship in optometry that consists of 35 hours a week for a six-month period under proper supervision.
2. Gain pre-approval to complete the six-month internship, which involves supervision by an optometrist approved by the Board (more information can be found within the application).
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
5. Submit a copy of CPR Certification.
6. Submit a self-query from the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (more information regarding this process within the application).
7. Successfully complete the six-month internship period and submit notarized Statement of Supervising Doctor forms for any and all doctors who supervised your during the internship period to the Board (forms found within application).

**District of Columbia**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

**Fees:** $483

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the District of Columbia Board of Optometry Application. New graduates that wish to practice in the District of Columbia must complete a six-month internship in optometry that consists of 35 hours a week for a six-month period under proper supervision.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Complete a criminal background check.
**Florida**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, and completion of law examination

**Fees:** $655 plus cost of law exam fee at time of testing ($58.00)

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Florida Board of Optometry Application.
2. Complete a two-hour course on the prevention of medical errors. More information regarding where these courses can be taken and what courses are approved for Florida licensure can be found at CEBroker.
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
5. Complete licensure verification form for each state you currently hold a license in.
6. Pass the Florida State Board law examination after processing and approval of application that will need to be scheduled at a Prometric testing center.

**Georgia**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, and completion of law examination administered by Georgia Board of Optometry

**Fees:** $300

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Georgia Board of Optometry Application, which can also be completed online.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Submit a copy of CPR Certification.
5. Pass the Georgia rules and laws examination (more information regarding these exams is contained within the application documents).
6. Obtain a minimum of $1,000,000 in malpractice insurance coverage upon licensure.
Hawaii

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

Fees: $75 in an odd numbered year, or $160 in an even numbered year

Application Process:

1. Complete the Hawaii Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.

Idaho

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, and completion of law examination administered by the Idaho Board of Optometry

Fees: $110

Application Process:

1. Complete the Idaho Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Submit a copy of CPR certification
5. Complete the law examination (open book and contained within the application).

Illinois

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

Fees: $500

Application Process:

1. Complete the Idaho Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
Indiana

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law exam given by the Indiana Board of Optometry.

Fees: $200

Application Process:

1. Complete the Indiana Board of Optometry Application.
2. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a national criminal history background check at a cost to the applicant (more information can be found here).
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
5. Submit a copy of a current Basic Life Support certification card.
6. Pass the Indiana State Optometry Law Examination after processing of application and its contents.

Iowa

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD

Fees: $300

Application Process:

1. Complete the Iowa Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.

Kansas
**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law, written, practical examination and interview given by the Kansas Board of Optometry.

**Fees:** $150

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Kansas Board of Optometry [Application](#).
2. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check (applicant must contact the board to obtain fingerprinting packets).
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
5. Provide three personal character references.
6. Pass the Kansas State Board of Optometry written, practical, and law examinations and successfully interview after processing of application and its contents. More information will be provided to you regarding the examinations once your application is received.

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**Kentucky**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination given by the Kentucky Board of Optometry.

**Fees:** $525

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Kentucky Board of Optometry [Application](#).
2. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check.
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
5. Provide two personal character references, one by an optometrist.
6. Pass the Kentucky State Board of Optometry law examination after processing of application and its contents.

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**Louisiana**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of practical examination given by the Louisiana Board of Optometry.
Fees: $100

Application Process:

1. Complete the Louisiana Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry, undergraduate, and high school.
4. Pass the Louisiana State Board of Optometry practical examination after processing of application and its contents.

Maine

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of oral examination given by the Maine Board of Optometry.

Fees: $300

Application Process:

1. Complete the Maine Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Pass the Maine State Board of Optometry oral examination after processing of application and its contents, which is given only four times a year.

Maryland

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination (open book / take home) given by the Maryland Board of Optometry.

Fees: $300

Application Process: Note: several forms require notarization.

1. Complete the Maryland Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Provide four professional letters of reference attesting to personal character.
5. Complete application for DPA and TPA certification.
6. Provide proof of CPR certification.
7. Pass the Maryland State Board of Optometry law examination which is open book and take home.

**Massachusetts**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination given by the Massachusetts Board of Optometry.

**Fees:** $408

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Massachusetts Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Pass the Massachusetts State Board of Optometry law examination.

**Michigan**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, and completion of law examination given by the Michigan Board of Optometry (take home).

**Fees:** $405

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Michigan Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check (instructions included in application).
5. Provide proof of DPA and TPA certification
6. Provide proof of CPR certification.
7. Pass the Michigan State Board of Optometry law examination that is included in the application.
Minnesota

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination given by the Minnesota Board of Optometry.

Fees: $145.70

Application Process:

1. Complete the Minnesota Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Complete applications for TPA certification.
5. Pass the Minnesota State Board of Optometry law examination prior to the boards review of your application, and the exam can be scheduled at the office of the Minnesota Board of Optometry by appointment or through NBEO at www.optometry.org.

Mississippi

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law and pharmacology examination given by the Mississippi Board of Optometry.

Fees: $200 in state or $300 out of state

Application Process:

1. Complete the Mississippi Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation attesting to personal character.
5. Pass the Mississippi State Board of Optometry law and pharmacology examination that will be scheduled after processing of application and its contents. The exam is administered on the second Saturday in January and July of each year.
Missouri

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination (open book) given by the Missouri Board of Optometry.

Fees: $408

Application Process:

1. Complete the Missouri Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check (more information can be found in application and an additional fee of $36.50 applies).
5. Pass the Missouri State Board of Optometry law examination that can be scheduled at the office of the Missouri Board of Optometry by appointment or through NBEO at www.optometry.org.

Montana

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

Fees: $250

Application Process:

1. Complete the Montana Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Provide three reference letters of moral character.
5. Complete a National Practitioner’s Databank (NPDB) self query.

Nebraska

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination given by the Nebraska Board of Optometry.

Fees: $166
Application Process:

1. Complete the Nebraska Board of Optometry Application.
2. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check (an additional fee of $38 applies).
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
5. Provide proof of age and citizenship, lawful residency, or immigration status.
6. Pass the Nebraska State Board of Optometry law examination after processing of application and its contents.

Nevada

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and completion of law examination given by the Nevada Board of Optometry.

Fees: $500

Application Process:

1. Complete the Nevada Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Provide a copy of a current CPR certification card.
5. Pass the Nevada State Board of Optometry law examination after processing of application and its contents.

New Hampshire

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law and clinical proficiency examination given by the New Hampshire Board of Optometry.

Fees: $300

Application Process:

1. Complete the New Hampshire Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Provide two personal character references by practicing optometrists.
5. Provide a copy of level C CPR certification.
6. Pass the New Hampshire State Board of Optometry law examination and clinical proficiency examination given by NERCOATS or any other successor agency approved by the board after processing of application and its contents.

New Jersey

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and law examination included in application.

Fees: $125 or $225 depending on year in which you are applying

Application Process:

1. Complete the New Jersey Board of Optometry Application.
2. Complete application to obtain a criminal history background check that is included in the application.
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
5. Complete the law examination provided by the New Jersey State Board of Optometry that is included within the application.

New Mexico

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law and practical examination given by the New Mexico Board of Optometry.

Fees: $575

Application Process:

1. Complete the New Mexico Board of Optometry notarized Application, and provide a letter of intent.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Provide proof of current CPR certification.
5. Provide two personal character references by practicing optometrists.
6. Pass the New Mexico State Board of Optometry law and practical examination after processing of application and its contents.

New York

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

Fees: $437

Application Process:

1. Complete the New York Board of Optometry notarized Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Provide proof of Infection Control and Child Abuse Identification Reporting certification.

North Carolina

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, ISE and completion of practical examination given by the North Carolina Board of Optometry.

Fees: $800

Application Process:

1. Complete the North Carolina Board of Optometry Application after submitting a non-refundable $50 fee along with a written request for an application.
2. Pass the North Carolina State Board of Optometry practical examination after processing of application and its contents.

**Be sure to check out an in depth review on how to request, complete, and prepare for the practical exam to obtain a North Carolina state license written by Ryan Corte O.D.

North Dakota

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and online law examination

Fees: $200
Application Process:

1. Complete the North Dakota Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Provide two letters of recommendation.
5. Pass the North Dakota State Board of Optometry law examination that is issued by the NBEO and conducted online after the processing of application and its contents.

Ohio

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law seminar

Fees: $175

Application Process:

1. Complete the Ohio Board of Optometry application, which can be requested in writing or by calling the board office at 1-888-565-3044.
2. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check.
3. If licensed in another state, complete a self-query with the National Practitioners Databank.
4. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
5. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
6. Provide a copy of current CPR certification.
7. Complete a two-hour law seminar after submission of application and its contents. Sessions are offered Monday through Friday at 9:00am or 1:00pm and must be scheduled by calling the board office at 1-888-565-3044.

Oklahoma

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, ISE and completion of law, written, oral, and practical examinations (laser only), given by the Oklahoma Board of Optometry.

Fees: $200

Application Process:

1. Complete the Oklahoma Board of Optometry Application.
2. Successfully passed the Laser Therapy for Anterior Segment course offered by Northeastern State University.
3. Provide proof of current CPR certification.
4. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and ISE.
5. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
6. Pass the Oklahoma State Board of Optometry law, written, oral, and practical examinations after processing of application and its contents.

Oregon

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination administered by NBEO.

Fees: $200

Application Process:

1. Complete the Oregon Board of Optometry Application and get it notarized.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit proof of current CPR certification.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate school.
5. Pass the Oregon State Board of Optometry law examination after processing of application and its contents that is offered by the NBEO.

Pennsylvania

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD.

Fees: $35

Application Process:

1. Complete the Pennsylvania Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Complete a Criminal History Records Check for every state you have lived in within the past five years. Pennsylvania residents can obtain the CHRC here, while out of state residents will have to obtain these records from a State Law Enforcement Authority.
Rhode Island

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD.

Fees: $280 or $380 (for CSR – Controlled Substances Act Registration)

Application Process:

1. Complete the Rhode Island Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for the optometry school attended.

South Carolina

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, and completion of law examination given by the South Carolina Board of Optometry.

Fees: $425

Application Process:

1. Complete the South Carolina Board of Optometry Application or complete the application online.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Pass the South Carolina State Board of Optometry law examination that is available online.

South Dakota

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination given by the South Dakota Board of Optometry.

Fees: $200 for application fee and certification fee and a $225 yearly license fee that is prorated for all new licensees.

Application Process:

1. Complete the South Dakota Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check (more information can be found within application).
5. Have two practicing optometrists attest to moral character (within application).
6. Pass the South Dakota State Board of Optometry law examination after processing of application and its contents.

**Tennessee**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, ISE and completion of law examination given by the Tennessee Board of Optometry.

**Fees:** $310

**Application Process:** Requires several notarized documents.

1. Complete the Tennessee Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III, TMOD and ISE.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school coursework.
4. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a required criminal history background check. Instructions can be found here.
5. Submit two letters of recommendation by practicing optometrists attesting to moral character.
6. Pass the Tennessee State Board of Optometry law examination after processing of application and its contents.

**Texas**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and completion of law examination.

**Fees:** $150

**Application Process:** Requires several notarized documents.

1. Complete the Texas Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Obtain fingerprinting to complete a criminal history background check.
5. Obtain two notarized affidavits from practicing optometrists attesting to moral character (found within application).
6. Pass the Texas State Board of Optometry law examination that is provided through NBEO at an additional cost to the applicant.

*Forms and documents necessary to obtain a Texas license are quite extensive. It is highly recommended to view the application checklist provided by the Texas Board of Optometry.*

**Utah**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, and completion of law examination given by the Utah Board of Optometry.

**Fees:** $140 and $100 controlled substance fee

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Utah Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Complete a law examination provided by Utah State Board of Optometry within the application.

**Vermont**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

**Fees:** $225

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Vermont Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school course work.
4. Provide proof of current CPR certification.
**Virginia**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, and TMOD

**Fees:** $250

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Virginia Board of Optometry Application that must be notarized.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.

**Washington**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD and law examination included in application.

**Fees:** $191

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Washington Board of Optometry Application.
2. Provide two letters of reference from practicing optometrists attesting to moral character.
3. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
4. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
5. Complete AIDS training (self study is permitted) attestation.
6. Provide certification of diagnostic, therapeutic, and oral drug instruction (provided within application).
7. Provide certification for administration of epinephrine by injection for the treatment of anaphylactic shock (provided within the application).
8. Complete the law examination provided by the Washington State Board of Optometry that is included within the application.

**West Virginia**

**Examinations Required:** NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, ISE and completion of law and oral examination given by the West Virginia Board of Optometry.

**Fees:** $300
Application Process:

1. Complete the West Virginia Board of Optometry notarized Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry and undergraduate schools.
4. Pass the West Virginia State Board of Optometry law and practical examination after processing of application and its contents.

Wisconsin

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III and online law examination.

Fees: $150

Application Process:

1. Complete the Wisconsin Board of Optometry notarized Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Complete the Wisconsin State Board of Optometry law examination that must be completed online.

Wyoming

Examinations Required: NBEO Part I, II, III, TMOD, and completion of law, written and oral examinations given by the Wyoming Board of Optometry.

Fees: $450

Application Process: Requires several notarized documents.

1. Complete the Wyoming Board of Optometry Application.
2. Submit proof that you have passed NBEO Parts I, II, and III and TMOD.
3. Submit official transcripts directly to the Board for optometry school.
4. Provide three letters of reference from practicing optometrists attesting to moral character.
5. Submission of fingerprint cards.
6. Pass the Wyoming State Board of Optometry law, written, and oral examinations after processing of application and its contents.