

OPTOMETRIST LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS BY EXAMINATION

1. Application
2. Official transcripts from accredited optometry school
3. National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) exam score report
4. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate/card
5. [BCI/FBI background check.](#)
6. VPB laws and rules seminar (Posted on Website and email answers to board@vision.ohio.gov)
7. Proof of legal residency verification, if born outside of the United States.
8. Click on link to apply: https://eLicense.Ohio.gov/OH_homepage

CE Requirements for Ohio: [4725.16 \(B\)](#) Continuing Education must be completed during the biennial licensing period beginning on the first day of January of each odd- numbered year and ending on the last day of each even-numbered year.

Pharmacology	20 (Required)
Online	50 (maximum)
Grand Rounds/Surgery Observation	16 (maximum)
Volunteer Hours (see Laws/Rules for guidelines)	16 (maximum)
Practice Management or Jurisprudence	4 (maximum)

CPR:

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation refresher training is acceptable for up to three hours credit for any one continuing education period. The three hours can be utilized for pharmacology continuing education compliance.

Fees:

\$350 –Optometrist Examination License Application Fee
\$350 –Optometrist License Renewal Fee
\$125 –Optometrist Late Renewal Fee
\$125 –Optometrist Late CE Renewal Fee
\$ 10 – Optometrist Name Change
\$ 10 – Replacement Wall Certificate

OPTOMETRIST LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS BY ENDORSEMENT

1. Application
2. Official transcripts from accredited optometry school
3. National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) exam score report
4. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate/card
5. License verification from other states where a license has been issued expired and active. Has been actively engaged in the practice of optometry including the use of therapeutics, for at least 3 years immediately preceding making the application.
6. National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>
7. VPB laws and rules seminar (Posted on Website and email answers to board@vision.ohio.gov)
8. [BCI/FBI background check.](#)
9. Proof of legal residency verification, if born outside of the United States
10. Click on link to apply: https://eLicense.Ohio.gov/OH_homepage

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Online	50 (maximum)
Grand Rounds/Surgery Observation	16 (maximum)
Volunteer Hours (see Laws/Rules for guidelines)	16 (maximum)
Practice Management or Jurisprudence	4 (maximum)

CPR:

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Fees:

\$350 –Optometrist Endorsement License Application Fee
\$350 –Optometrist License Renewal Fee
\$125 –Optometrist Late Renewal Fee
\$125 –Optometrist Late CE Renewal Fee
\$ 10 – Optometrist Name Change
\$ 10 – Replacement Wall Certificate

OPTOMETRIST LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS BY REINSTATEMENT

1. Application
2. National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>
3. License verification from other states where a license has been issued (expired and active)
4. VPB laws and rules seminar (Posted on Website)
5. BCI/FBI background check. The form is located at Vision.Ohio.gov, under Laws and Rules.
6. Continuing Education (CE) of 50 hours is required and must be completed for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.
7. Click on link to apply: https://eLicense.Ohio.gov/OH_homepage

CE Requirements for Ohio: [4725.16 \(B\)](#) Continuing Education must be completed during the biennial licensing period beginning on the first day of January of each odd-numbered year and ending on the last day of each even-numbered year.

Pharmacology	20 (Required)
Online	50 (maximum)
Grand Rounds/Surgery Observation	16 (maximum)
Volunteer Hours (see Laws/Rules for guidelines)	16 (maximum)
Practice Management or Jurisprudence	4 (maximum)

CPR:

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation refresher training is acceptable for up to three hours credit for any one continuing education period. The three hours can be utilized for pharmacology continuing education compliance.

Fees:

\$350 –Optometrist Reinstatement License Application Fee
\$350 –Optometrist License Renewal Fee
\$125 –Optometrist Late Renewal Fee
\$125 –Optometrist Late CE Renewal Fee
\$ 10 – Optometrist Name Change
\$ 10 – Replacement Wall Certificate