

Georgia

State Society

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Licensing

Exam: ABO, NCLE and State Practical Exam
License Renewal Period: Biennial
Continuing Education Requirements: 10 hours/2 years

Licensing Authority

Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
478-207-2440
Complete board rules and regulations available in PDF form or downloadable at website
<http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/opticians>

Licensing Q and A

1. What are the requirements to apply for a Dispensing Opticians license in Georgia?

Submit a completed application, non-refundable fee, copy of official birth certificate, copy of high school diploma, transcript or GED certificate, and a photo taken within one year.

If applying on the basis of education, submit an official opticianry transcript from School of Optician showing completion of program and graduation date.

If applying on the basis of experience, submit the Affidavit of Experience and employment. If you worked under the supervision of an out-of-state Optician, Optometrist, or Medical Doctor, also submit a copy of their current license. (Must have minimum of two years and 3,000 hours experience)

If applying on the basis of education and experience, submit all documents listed above.

All applicants are required to pass the American Board of Opticianry Examination (ABO), the National Contact Lens Examination (NCLE), and the Georgia Practical Examination. Submit CURRENT ABO & NCLE certificates or if applicable request scores be certified from the national board to our office.

2. Do requirements differ if I am a graduate of foreign school of Opticianry?

All applicants must be a graduate from a Board approved school of Opticianry.

3. How do I apply for the Dispensing Opticians examination?

The [examination application](#) is accessible on this site or you may contact the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians at (478) 207-2440.

4. How much does it cost to obtain a license?

\$65 - Georgia Practical Examination Fee

\$50 - Non-refundable Application Fee

\$115 - Total Fee

5. How long does it take to receive a license after sitting for the examination?

Once all forms and documents are received - please allow 4-6 weeks.

6. Does the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians have reciprocity with other states?

No. The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians does not have reciprocal agreements with other states.

7. How do I submit a name and/or address change?

The Board will accept address changes via letter or fax at (478) 207-1660. A name change request must be submitted in writing accompanied by supporting legal documents.

8. What must I do to renew my license?

Complete the renewal application that will be mailed to you at the time of renewal, or you may renew on-line at this website.

All licenses expire March 31st of odd numbered years.

The renewal fee is \$60.00

Attain the required number of Continuing Education hours. See Board rule 420-9 for specific continuing education requirements.

If you fail to renew by March 31st of the odd numbered year, your license will be administratively revoked and require reinstatement by the Board.

9. Do I submit my continuing education hours to the Board office?

Only those Opticians randomly selected for Continuing Education audit must submit proof of their continuing education credits along with their renewal application. You will receive specific instructions if you are chosen for an audit.

Georgia Law

TITLE 43. PROFESSIONS AND BUSINESSES

CHAPTER 29. DISPENSING OPTICIAN

Available in PDF format or downloadable at:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/cgi-bin/PLBLaws.asp?Board=06>

Important Opticianry Information

There are currently 1038 practicing opticians in Georgia and 18 dispensing optician apprentices.

The average annual salary is \$31,150 in Georgia. (2.5% higher than the national average)

Important Links

Opticians Association of Georgia: <http://www.oagonline.org/>

Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians: <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/opticians/>

Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians Rules and Regulations:
<http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/opticians>

Georgia Dispensing Optician Statutes: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/opticians>