

420-5-.01 Application and Examination Requirements.

(1) The optical dispensing examination shall be held a minimum of twice a year.

(2) Complete applications with all attachments and documents shall be filed with the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the examination. Each application must be accompanied by the following attachments:

(a) Verification of age (Birth Certificate or equivalent required);

(b) Copy of high school diploma or its equivalent as defined by the State Board of Education;

(c) If applying on the basis of education, the applicant must have satisfactorily completed a course of study in a recognized school of ophthalmic dispensing approved by the Board. College transcript, with graduation date, and copy of diploma must accompany application.

(d) A recognized school of ophthalmic dispensing is defined as one that offers an ophthalmic dispensing program issuing a diploma and/or degree that is recognized by the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians;

(e) Applicants applying on the basis of education and experience must submit a transcript and an affidavit that specifies total course study clock hours completed from a recognized accredited program, plus an affidavit of work hours completed. The total combined number of hours must be a minimum of 3000 hours;

(f) A fee established by the Board must accompany the application;

(g) Photograph of applicant within last year.

(3) Subject matter of examination shall be related to ophthalmic dispensing.

(4) The passing score for the ophthalmic dispensing practical examination shall be 75

(5) Any false or misleading information in connection with any application may be cause for exclusion from the examination on the ground of lack of good moral character. If the Board finds that the application is complete and that all the requirements of the statue and of the regulations have been met, it shall issue to the applicant a letter which shall advise the applicant of the time, date and place of the examination. The candidate shall submit his/her letter to the examiner upon entrance to the examination room.

(6) Licensing examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedure, and any candidate violating any of such procedure, may be dismissed from the examination room or otherwise disciplined:

(a) no candidate may enter the examination room late nor leave the examination room early.

(b) during the examination no candidate shall communicate with any other candidate in any other way;

(c) a candidate shall not bring books or other help of any kind into the examination room unless directed to do so by the Board because of the character of the examination.

(7) Prior to issuance of a license, applicant must submit current ABO and NCLE certificates.

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