

MICHIGAN OPTOMETRIST LICENSING GUIDE

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL OPTOMETRIST LICENSE BY EXAMINATION **(first license)**

- Graduate from an optometry program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) of the American Optometric Association (AOA).
- Pass parts I, II, and III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination as well as the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) examination embedded in part II.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Optometry by Examination license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27546---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$171.70 fee. If also applying for a controlled substance license (must hold DPA/TPA certification), the fee is \$257.55.
- If applying for certification in Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents (DPA) and Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents (TPA), the appropriate verification of training form(s) in the application packet, and a completed Management and Emergency Plan with an additional \$151.50 fee (\$75.75 per certification).
- Pass the jurisprudence examination administered by PSI Services LLC. The jurisprudence examination covers material that can be found in the Michigan Public Health Code Article 1, Parts 11 and 12; Article 5, Part 55A; Article 15, Parts 161 and 174; and the Administrative Rules for the Board of Optometry.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL OPTOMETRIST LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT **(currently licensed in another state)**

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or province where licensed, even if the license is no longer active. Must currently hold a license granting therapeutic prescriptive certification at the highest level authorized in the state of the United States or province of Canada where optometrist currently practices.
- Graduate from an optometry program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) of the American Optometric Association (AOA).

- Proof of successfully completing a licensure examination for initial licensure in the United States or Canada that includes an assessment of knowledge on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular diseases with pharmaceutical agents.
- Submit the Optometrist by Endorsement license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27546---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$121.20 fee. If also applying for a controlled substance license (must hold DPA/TPA certification), the fee is \$207.05.
- Must be an optometrist who is engaged in the practice of optometry, holds a doctor of optometry degree, and is currently licensed in another state of the United States or province of Canada that has licensure requirements that are equivalent to those required in this state.
- Pass the jurisprudence examination administered by PSI Services LLC. The jurisprudence examination covers material that can be found in the Michigan Public Health Code Article 1, Parts 11 and 12; Article 5, Part 55A; Article 15, Parts 161 and 174; and the Administrative Rules for the Board of Optometry.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OPTOMETRIST LIMITED LICENSE

- Graduate from an optometry program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) of the American Optometric Association (AOA).
- Must be appointed to a clinical academic faculty position or enrolled in a post-graduate educational program.
- Submit the Optometry Limited license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27546---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$50.50 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.