

MICHIGAN OPTOMETRIST DPA/TPA CERTIFICATION LICENSING GUIDE

OVERVIEW:

The optometrist DPA certification allows a licensee to administer a topical ocular diagnostic pharmaceutical agent in the practice of optometry. The optometrist TPA certification allows a licensee to administer and prescribe a therapeutic pharmaceutical agent in the practice of optometry.

NOTE: The content contained below is a general overview of licensing requirements. Links to access the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules for this profession can be found at the end of this guide.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

(Listed below are the minimum requirements needed to obtain an optometrist DPA/TPA certification.)

APPLICATION AND FEES

- Online Application For an Optometrist DPA/TPA Certification - Complete all fields, answer all questions, and upload any supporting documentation.
- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPLUS Login**, select **"Modification"** next to your license number and then select **"Optometrist Specialty Application"**.
- Application Fee + Certification Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit or debit card.):
 - DPA Certification – \$82.60
 - TPA Certification – \$82.60
 - DPA/TPA Certification – \$143.20 (If applying for both certifications at the same time.)

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS

- An optometrist who wishes to administer a topical ocular diagnostic pharmaceutical agent in the practice of optometry must submit an application for DPA certification. An optometrist who wishes to administer and prescribe a therapeutic pharmaceutical agent in the practice of optometry must submit an application for TPA certification. You may apply for both DPA certification and TPA certification when you apply for your optometrist license or after your optometrist license has been issued.
- Upload a copy of your current certificate showing successful completion of a course in advanced cardiac life support or a course in basic life support.
- Management and Emergency Plan form. Be sure to make a photocopy of this form to keep permanently in your office. Upload the completed ORIGINAL, signed plan with the application.

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- Verification of Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents (DPA) Training Form. Complete the top portion of the form and then forward the form to the Director of the DPA education program or the Registrar of the institution where the training was completed for their completion. The educational institution must return the form directly to this office.
- Verification of Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents (TPA) Training Form. Complete the top portion of the form and forward the form to the Director of the TPA educational program or the Registrar of the institution where the training was completed for their completion. The educational institution must return the form directly to this office. **YOU MUST HAVE DPA CERTIFICATION TO OBTAIN TPA CERTIFICATION.**

Note: If you are applying for relicensure of your specialty and have previously provided the DPA and TPA verification of training forms, you do not need to resubmit those forms.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Once granted, DPA/TPA certification remains in effect as long as your optometrist license is active. The DPA/TPA certification is not required to be renewed. If your optometrist license lapses, you must apply for DPA/TPA certification again when you apply for relicensure of your optometrist license.

HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- By visiting www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and clicking on the optometry link you can access the following helpful resources and forms:

Resources:

- [Michigan Public Health Code](#)
- [Administrative Rules for Optometry](#)