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Application For Examination For Licensure-2009
(TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

TO THE ALABAMA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY:

I, _____
(use full name)

hereby make application for examination for a license to practice
Optometry in the State of Alabama as provided in Section 34-22-20,
Code of Alabama 1975, and submit the following facts to the Board
for its consideration.

A recent photograph of applicant
(head and shoulders-sized, 2 X 3
inches) must be firmly pasted in this
space. The photograph will be used
for identity verification (in addition
to driver's license and Social
Security card) at the examination
site.

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____ Country of citizenship _____
(Non-US Citizens: Send proof of legal residence)

Social Security Number _____ Email Address: _____

Optometry School: _____ Graduation date: _____

Address and phone number(s) where you can be reached if problem is found with your application:

_____ Phone 1: _____

_____ Phone 2: _____

Address to be used to notify you of your examination results:

List the name, address and phone number of a person who will always know how to contact you:

Have you ever been refused a license or had a license suspended or revoked to practice Optometry in any state?

Yes _____ No _____ **If yes, attach a complete explanation.**

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes _____ No _____ **If yes, attach a complete explanation.**

If special services are needed under ADA, please attach a letter advising the Board of your disability and how the Board may assist you. A Board representative will then contact you.

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There are two ways to make application to take the "Standard Examination for Licensure" -- Regular application or Reciprocity application.

The requirements for each type of application are listed below and you must submit one type application only.

REGULAR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (NEW GRADUATES):

1. Instruct your schools and colleges to send official transcripts to the Executive Director verifying that you have obtained the following (these must be official, sealed transcripts, sent by your schools):

- A. Preliminary education (four years of high school or the equivalent thereof).
- B. Pre-Optometry (minimum of three years or the equivalent thereof).
- C. Optometry Degree (four years of professional study and the transcript must list the entrance and graduation dates).

2. Instruct the NBEO to send proof that you have passed Parts I and II of the examination administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

3. After passing the examination, the board must have received proof that you have passed Part III of the examination administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry before you can receive your license.

4. After passing the examination, you must submit to the Board a completed application and protocol, furnished by the Board, for the use of therapeutics.

RECIPROCITY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (PREVIOUSLY LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE):

1. Instruct your schools and colleges to send official transcripts to the Executive Director verifying that you have obtained the following (these must be official, sealed transcripts, sent by your schools):

- A. Preliminary education (four years of high school or the equivalent thereof).
- B. Pre-Optometry (minimum of three years or the equivalent thereof).
- C. Optometry Degree (four years of professional study and the transcript must list the entrance and graduation dates).

2. Submit proof by affidavit from a board of optometry in any of the United States that you have successfully passed the licensing requirements of that board and that you hold a current license to practice Optometry in that state.

3. After passing the examination, you must submit to the Board a completed application and protocol, furnished by the Board, for the use of therapeutics. Applicants licensed in any state prior to October 1, 1994 must take a Board approved course in therapeutics of at least seventy-two (72) clock hours to be approved to use therapeutics.

I, _____, who being duly sworn say I am the person referred to in the foregoing application and that the photograph attached hereto is a true picture of myself, and that the statements made herein are true in every respect.

Signed _____

County of _____

State of _____

Signed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

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1. Applicants desiring to be examined must file with the Executive Director a properly executed application together with an examination fee of \$500.00 in the form of a certified check, cashiers check or money order made payable to the Alabama Board of Optometry **at least 30 days prior to the examination date**. If you send a personal check it will be returned and your application process will stop until you follow the above instructions. An incomplete application will not admit an applicant for examination.
2. No application fee will be returned after the application has been accepted due to the withdrawal of the applicant or failure to take the examination, excepting that the Board may, under special mitigating circumstances, apply said fee to a subsequent examination.
3. All examinations are to be written in the English language by the applicant. The Standard Examination shall be divided into from five to seven sections. The sections shall cover the examination areas of practical optics, theoretical optics, physiological optics, theoretical optometry, practical optometry, orthoptics, ocular anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, pathology, diagnosis and treatment of disease of the human eye and its adjacent structures, general anatomy, hygiene, and such knowledge as the Board deems essential to the practice of optometry, to include testing of knowledge of the laws governing the practice of optometry and of the regulations of the Board. You will be notified later as to the number of sections and the content of each section. Such Standard Examination shall not be out of keeping with the established teaching and recognized textbooks of accredited schools and colleges of optometry.
4. Each section shall be graded on a scale of 1 to 100 and the final score for an applicant shall be the average of the applicant's scores in the separate sections. Each applicant making an average score of 75 percent or higher shall be deemed to have passed the examination, provided, however, that should an applicant fail to have a score of at least 75 percent on two or more sections, said applicant shall be deemed to have failed the examination regardless of applicant's average score.
5. The correct mailing address and phone number of the Board is as follows:

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6. The date and place of the next examination is:

July 18, 2009
University of Alabama at Birmingham
School of Optometry/The Medical Center
1716 University Blvd.
Birmingham, AL 35294
7. Notification of your examination results will be mailed no later than August 17, 2009.
8. When your application process is complete you will be notified of the number and order of the examination sections, and the time allotted to each section. A copy of "The Law and Regulations of the Alabama Board of Optometry." will be mailed to you. This will be the only copy of the law you will receive at no charge. Additional copies are supplied at a cost of \$25.00 per copy. When your application is complete, you may request a temporary (non-therapeutic) license (applicants previously licensed in another state and/or taking the examination under the reciprocity section of the Law 34-22-21, and Regulation 630-X-9-.01, cannot be issued a temporary license).
9. It is the responsibility of the applicant or licensee to notify the Executive Director of the Board of any change of name or address.
10. In the event you should be unsuccessful in passing the Standard Examination for Licensure in Alabama, you may have the opportunity to review the "failed" sections of the examination. The request for review must be in the form of a letter to the Executive Director and this review must be completed within thirty (30) days of the notification that you were unsuccessful in passing.

Keep a copy of your application. Return pages one and two, with your application fee, to the board office.