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56-02-01-01. Requirements for licensure.

The board shall provide application forms and set the date, time, place, and content of each examination for an initial license to practice optometry. Such national tests and standards as are deemed reasonably necessary and uniformly applied by the board may be required by the board to determine a candidate's fitness under the law and this title for such licensure.

History: Amended effective December 1, 1987; April 1, 1990.

General Authority: NDCC 43-13-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-13-16, 43-13-17

56-02-01-02. Examination questions concerning optometric jurisprudence.

The board shall refuse to admit an applicant to its examination for license to practice optometry unless and until the applicant shall have answered in the affirmative each of the following questions pertaining to optometric jurisprudence, and shall have satisfied the board of the applicant's honesty and good faith in so answering the questions:

1. Do you consider optometry a profession?
2. Would you sacrifice profit for the benefit of your patient?
3. Will you cooperate with practitioners of other professions in your work as an optometrist?
4. Will you continue as a student and take advantage of all educational opportunities to the best of your ability?
5. Will you endeavor to raise the standard of optometry and assist in every way possible to create a better understanding among fellow optometrists, professionally, educationally, and ethically?

6. Do you realize that under North Dakota law, you can only be employed by a licensed optometrist, a physician licensed under chapter 43-17, a hospital, or a clinic operated by licensed optometrists or by licensed physicians?
7. Would you consult a fellow optometrist in the interest of your patient's welfare?
8. Will you familiarize yourself with the North Dakota optometry law and the rulings of the board, abide by the same, and assist the board and other officers in enforcement of the law?

History: Amended effective December 1, 1987; April 1, 1990; July 1, 2008.

General Authority: NDCC 43-13-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-13-22, 43-13-28

56-02-01-03. Waiver of practical examination.

Determined repealed by the office of the Legislative Council under subsection 3 of North Dakota Century Code section 28-32-03 because statutory authority supersedes the rule under S.L. 1999, ch. 377.

56-02-01-04. Address of each optometric office.

Registered optometrists shall at all times keep the secretary of the North Dakota state board of optometry informed of the correct street addresses of each of their offices and their correct mailing addresses.

History: Amended effective December 1, 1987.

General Authority: NDCC 43-13-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-13-11, 43-13-23

56-02-01-05. Waiver of license fee.

Repealed effective January 1, 1995.

56-02-01-06. Optometrist compliance verification.

The board may require any licensed optometrist to submit written answers to questions regarding the optometrist's compliance with this title or North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-13. The board may require that such answers be given under oath.

History: Effective December 1, 1987.

General Authority: NDCC 43-13-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-13-14, 43-13-22

56-02-01-07. Licensure fees.

The following fees must be paid to the board:

1. A fee fixed by the board, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, must accompany an application for examination for a license to practice optometry.
2. A fee fixed by the board, not to exceed five hundred dollars, must be paid by any optometrist to be licensed in this state by reciprocity.
3. A fee fixed by the board, not to exceed five hundred dollars, must be paid annually for renewal of a license to practice optometry.

History: Effective April 1, 1990; amended effective January 1, 1995.

General Authority: NDCC 43-13-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-13-17, 43-13-18, 43-13-20