



**Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation**

**OPTOMETRIST
Application Instructions**

EXAMINATION

1. Submit an online application and pay the non-refundable application fee. Applications are found within the online licensing system at:
https://secure.professionals.vermont.gov/prweb/PRServlet/app/default/ybVBlelGIHMIPa8qpM9BaiNEZfDPENuF*/!STANDARD
2. Proof of Successful completion of the following examinations sent directly from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) to this Office:
 - a. Proof of successful completion of Parts I, II, & III of the National Board Examination, OR NERCOATES Exam Scores; and
 - b. Proof of successful completion of the Treatment & Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) examination.

Your national examination score(s) must be used for application within three years from the date you passed the examination(s).

3. Request official transcripts for your optometry education from an accredited program be sent to the Office directly from the institution by US mail or email to SOS.OPRLicensing2@vermont.gov. If the school provides you with your transcript, it will only be accepted if they are in a sealed envelope from the school.
4. Upload proof of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification. (A copy of your current certification card will suffice)

ENDORSEMENT

To qualify, an applicant must be licensed or certified in good standing in another state or jurisdiction in which the standards and qualifications required for regulation in that jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to Vermont's.

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5. Request an official verification of license be sent to OPR for your initial state of licensure and most recent state of licensure. This must be sent directly from the licensing authority and can be sent by email to SOS.OPRLicensing2@vermont.gov or by post office mail. It is not required that the other state complete the Vermont verification form.

Provisional Licensure

If you are otherwise qualified for licensure **and** verification of licensure is the ONLY outstanding deficiency and all other licensing requirements are met including applicable education and exam requirements, you may be issued a 90-day provisional license while the Office awaits receipt of your license verification. If you wish to request a provisional license (if applicable), please indicate within the application.

FAST TRACK ENDORSEMENT:

To qualify to be licensed, an applicant must be actively licensed or certified in good standing in another jurisdiction for three or more years preceding this application.

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NOTE: Any change of address or other contract information, by an applicant or licensee, must be forwarded to this office no later than thirty (30) days after change occurs.