

## **OPTOMETRIST LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Application**

The following items must be submitted to the VPB:

1. Application Fee \$175.00
2. Wallet size photo
3. Official transcripts from accredited optometry school
4. National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) exam score report
5. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate/card
6. BCI/FBI background check. The form is located at [Vision.Ohio.gov](http://Vision.Ohio.gov).
7. VPB laws and rules seminar (Attend presentation in March or September at The Ohio State University for OSU students.) (Out of state applicants must request seminar from VPB.)
8. Proof of legal residency verification, if born outside of the United States.
9. Click on link to apply: [https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh\\_homepage](https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_homepage)

### **Application when licensed in another State**

The following items must be submitted to the VPB:

1. Application Fee \$175.00
2. Wallet size photo
3. Official transcripts from accredited optometry school
4. National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) exam score report
5. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate/card
6. License verification from other states where a license has been issued expired and active. Has been actively engaged in the practice of optometry including the use of therapeutics, for at least 3 years immediately preceding making the application.
7. National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>
8. VPB laws and rules seminar (Request seminar from VPB.)
9. BCI/FBI background check. The form is located at [Vision.Ohio.gov](http://Vision.Ohio.gov).
10. Proof of legal residency verification, if born outside of the United States.
11. Click on link to apply: [https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh\\_homepage](https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_homepage)

### **Reinstatement Application**

The following items must be submitted to the VPB:

1. Application Fee is \$250, which is \$75.00 plus \$175.00 for a renewal fee.
2. National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>
3. License verification from other states where a license has been issued (expired and active)
4. VPB laws and rules seminar (Request seminar from VPB.)
5. BCI/FBI background check. The form is located at [Vision.Ohio.gov](http://Vision.Ohio.gov).

6. Continuing Education (CE) of 25 hours are required, ten of which must be in the field of pharmacology and must be completed for the year in which your reinstatement occurs. That is October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of your application.
7. Click on link to apply: [https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh\\_homepage](https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_homepage)

**CE Requirements for Ohio: Reporting Period 10/01/XX through 09/30/XX**

Pharmacology	10 (Required)
Online	10 (maximum)
Grand Rounds/Surgery Observation	8 (maximum)
Volunteer Hours (see Laws/Rules for guidelines)	8 (maximum)
Practice Management or Jurisprudence	2 (maximum)

**CPR:**

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation refresher training is acceptable for up to three hours credit for any one continuing education period once every two years. The three hours can be utilized for pharmacology continuing education compliance.

**Fees:**

- \$175.00 – Therapeutic Optometrist License Application Fee
- \$175.00 – Therapeutic/Diagnostic License Renewal Fee
- \$130.00 – Optometrist License Renewal Fee
- \$125.00 – Therapeutic Optometrist Late CE Renewal Fee
- \$ 75.00 – Therapeutic/Optometrist Reinstatement Fee
- \$125.00 – Therapeutic/Optometrist Late Renewal Fee
- \$ 20.00 – Optometrist Name Change (2 Wall Certificates)
- \$ 10.00 – Replacement Wall Certificate



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