

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A THERAPEUTIC OPTOMETRIST BY INTERNSHIP INSTRUCTION SHEET

When to Apply by Internship

File this application to request the Board's pre-approval of a six-month internship. Whether you are required to complete a six-month internship before you can be licensed as a Therapeutic Optometrist depends on whether you hold a *current* optometry license in another jurisdiction, how long you have practiced in that jurisdiction and whether that jurisdiction has licensure standards that are at least equal to Delaware's standards.

IF you	AND IF you have	THEN file this Application form:
do not hold a current license		Therapeutic Optometrist by Internship
hold a suggestive second	not practiced at least five years in any single jurisdiction where you hold a current license	Therapeutic Optometrist by Internship
hold a current license	practiced at least five years in any single jurisdiction where you hold a current license	Therapeutic Optometrist by Reciprocity

When you file an <u>Application for Licensure as a Therapeutic Optometrist by Reciprocity</u>, the Board will determine whether any jurisdiction where you hold a current license **and** where you have practiced at least five years has licensure standards that are at least equal to Delaware's standards. If the Board determines that **none** of the jurisdictions has equivalent standards, you must re-apply by internship because you cannot be licensed by reciprocity.

Information about Internship

The internship period starts the day *after* the Board approves it. The period must consist of at least 35 hours per week for at least six months. You must be supervised throughout the period by one or more doctors approved by the Board.

It is your responsibility to select a doctor to supervise you during the internship. In making your selection, note the following:

- If the supervisor is neither an ophthalmologist nor therapeutically-certified optometrist, you must complete 100 additional hours of clinical internship with a therapeutically-certified optometrist, medical doctor or osteopathic physician.
- If you select a therapeutically-certified optometrist not licensed in Delaware, he or she must be licensed in a jurisdiction where the standards of therapeutic practice are comparable to those in Delaware.

If more than one doctor will be supervising you, the Board must approve all of them. A supervising doctor:

- must supervise you "one-on-one"
- can supervise only one intern at a time
- must be on the same premises and immediately available for supervision at all times
- must review the patient evaluations before the patient leaves the office.

These are examples of situations that are *not* acceptable direct supervision:

- The supervising doctor has two offices. He/she works in office 1, and the intern works in office 2.
- Three doctors work in the supervising doctor's office. The intern's Board-approved supervisor leaves and assigns a doctor whom the Board has *not* approved to supervise the intern.

Requirements for Approval of Internship

The following are required for pre-approval of the internship. Auxiliary forms mentioned are included with this application.

	Submit completed, signed and notarized <u>Application for Licensure as a Therapeutic Optometrist by Internship</u> to the Board office.
	Enclose the processing fee by check or money order made payable to "State of Delaware."
	Arrange for the Board office to receive an official transcript from the college(s) of optometry where you received a degree, sent <i>directly</i> from the college to the Board office. • The transcript must show that you have received a degree of "Doctor of Optometry" from a legally incorporated and accredited optometric college or school accredited by the American Optometric Association.
	Complete the <i>Criminal History Record Check Authorization</i> form to request State of Delaware and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background checks. Follow the instructions on the authorization form to arrange to be fingerprinted.
	Submit a copy of the front and back of your current cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification for adults and children.
	If you have ever held a license in another jurisdiction (state, U.S. territory or District of Columbia), arrange for the Board office to receive verification of licensure from each jurisdiction where you have ever held a license, sent <i>directly</i> from the jurisdiction to the Board office.
	A Verification of Optometry License form is included with this application.
	Request a self-query from the National Practitioner and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Banks (NPDB/HIPDB website at www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov . The self-query report will be mailed to your address. When you receive the report, mail (do not fax) the <i>original report</i> to the Board office.
	Arrange for the Board office to receive a notarized <i>Statement of Supervising Doctor</i> form completed and signed by <i>each</i> doctor who will supervise you during your internship, sent directly from the supervising doctor to the Board office. • If more than one doctor will supervise you, each must submit a separate statement.
	If you have never been issued a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), submit a <u>Request for Exemption from Social Security Number Requirement</u> . The Privacy Act of 1974, Section 7, requires the following information to be given to all applicants: Applicants for any Delaware professional or occupational license, permit, registration or certificate (other than Gaming permits) are required to provide a U.S. SSN (29 Del. C. §8735(m)). The Division of Professional Regulation uses the SSN primarily to verify identity and safeguard personal information. may also be used to enforce child support obligation (13 Del. C. §2216) and for other lawful purposes.
Nat car	addition to the requirements above, the Board office must also receive an official report of your passing scores on the ional Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination Parts I - III and TMOD. Since NBEO sends each ididate's score report to all jurisdictions, the Board office will generally have received your score reports before you file ir application. For information about the exam, see the NBEO website at www.optometry.org
Re	quirement for Approval of License <i>Following</i> Internship
inte	en the internship period is complete, each supervising doctor must verify that you successfully completed your ernship. Generally, the Board will review these verifications at the scheduled Board meetings closest to the end of your ernship. This is to assure that you receive your permanent license as soon as possible after your internship ends.
	 Arrange for the Board office to receive verification that you have successfully completed your internship, preferably on the <i>Verification of Internship</i> form, from <i>each</i> supervising doctor. If the internship end date falls <i>after</i> the closest Board meeting, the supervising doctor(s) should submit a preliminary <i>Verification of Internship</i> form for the Board's review at its meeting and a second, final <i>Verification of Internship</i> form on or after the internship end date. If the internship end date falls <i>before</i> the closest Board meeting, the supervising doctor(s) should submit the final

• If the internship end date falls **before** the closest Board meeting, the supervising doctor(s) should submit the final Verification of Internship form before the meeting. In this situation, the Board office may extend the internship period to cover the days leading up to the meeting.

The Board will review the verifications at its meeting and, if you have successfully completed the internship and met all requirements, the Board will approve your Therapeutic Optometrist licensure. The Board office will then issue your Therapeutic Optometrist license.



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APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A THERAPEUTIC OPTOMETRIST BY INTERNSHIP

IDE	ENTIFYING AND CONTACT INFO	DRMATION		
1.	Full Name:Last/Family		First	Middle
2.	Other Names Used:	(Include maiden, former married n		
		(Include maiden, former married n	ames and alternate spellings.)	
		Gender: Male 🗌 F		
4.		cial Security Number? Yes No I I		
5.	Mailing Address:			
	City		State	Zip
6	Phone:	Fmail [.]		
٠.	daytime	evening or cell Email:		
ΕD	OUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS			
1.	Enter the following information a	bout each college of optometry you atter	nded:	,
	COLLEGE	CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, COUNTRY	DEGREE OR CERTIFIICATE	DATE RECEIVED
		receive an official transcript from the y from the college to the Board office		ry where you
8.	Have you passed all parts of the	NBEO examination and the TMOD? Yes	s 🗌 No 🗌	
9.	Do you hold current certification to	o perform CPR on adults and children?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	
	Submit a copy of front and bac	ck of your current CPR certification fo	r adults and children.	
IN	TERNSHIP INFORMATION			
10.	. When do you plan to begin pract	icing in Delaware?		
	Note: Do not begin practicing	in Delaware before the start date of the	he Board-approved int	ernship.

1. E	Enter this information about the p	ractice where you plan	to serve	your internship.		
F	Practice Name:					
L	Location Address:					
_						
	City			State		Zip
2. E	Enter the following information ab	out each doctor who w	vill superv	ise your internship:		
	NAME		TYPE OF	DOCTOR		DELAWARE LICENSED?
		☐ Ophthalmologist	The	rapeutic Optometrist [Other	Yes No
		☐ Ophthalmologist	The	rapeutic Optometrist [Other	Yes 🗌 No 🗌
		☐ Ophthalmologist	The	rapeutic Optometrist [Other	Yes 🗌 No 🗌
		☐ Ophthalmologist	The	rapeutic Optometrist [Other	Yes 🗌 No 🗌
		☐ Ophthalmologist	The	rapeutic Optometrist [Other	Yes 🗌 No 🗌
3. ł	ENSURE HISTORY Have you ever held a license to p Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, List <i>each</i> ju separate sheet.	ractice optometry in ar risdiction where you ha	other juri ave <i>ever</i> h	sdiction (state, U.S. ten	ritory or D eed more	istrict of Columbia) room, enclose a
	JURISDICTION	LICENSE NUM	IBER	ISSUE DATE	EXPIR	RATION DATE
,	Arrange for a verification of lice	ensure to be sent <i>dire</i>	ectly to th	ne Board office from e	<i>ach</i> juris	diction listed.
ISC	CLOSURES					
r	Have you ever been convicted of misdemeanor or other criminal of Yes No If yes, submit a si	fense in any jurisdiction	n, includin	ng any offense for which		
k	Arrange for the Board office to background checks. The State requirement applies even if you	Bureau of Identificat	ion will s	end the reports direc		
	Are criminal charges pending aga		tion? Yes	s ☐ No ☐ If yes, subr	nit a lette	r explaining fully.
C	Have you ever had your profession consent agreements, fines, probastatement explaining fully.					
	Has any jurisdiction ever rejected f yes, enclose a statement exp		oked you	r professional license o	r certifica	te? Yes ☐ No ☐
	Are any complaints currently pendexplaining fully.	ding against you in any	jurisdictio	on? Yes 🗌 No 🗌 If ye s	s, enclos	e a statement

19.	Have you excessively used or abused drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals? Yes \square No \square If yes, enclose a statement explaining fully. Include copies of all appropriate records.						
(NP	Request a self-query from the National Practitioner and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Banks (NPDB/HIPDB) website at www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov . The self-query report will be mailed to your address. When you receive the report, mail the <i>original report</i> to the Board office.						
DU'	DUTY TO REPORT						
20.	To obtain a license in Delaware, you must certify that you understand that you have a <i>mandatory</i> obligation to file a written report with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline within 30 days if you have any reason to believe that a medical practitioner <i>other than yourself</i> is (or may be) guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in 24 <i>Del. C.</i> §1731 OR that he/she is (or may be): • medically incompetent						
	 mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the practice of medicine excessively using or abusing drugs including alcohol. 						
	I certify that I have read and understand the provisions of <u>24 Del. C. §1730, 24 Del. C. §1731 and 24 Del. C. §1731A</u> and that I understand my <i>duty to report</i> . Yes \(\sqrt{\sq}}}}}}}}}}}}}} \signta\signta\signta\sinthint{\sinthint{\sinty}}}}}}}}}} \end{\sqnt{\sinthint{\sinthint{\sinthint{\sint{\sintikta}}}}}}}}}} \sqnt{\sqnt{\sinthint{\sinthint{\sinthint{\						
21.	To obtain a license in Delaware, you must certify that you understand that you have a <i>mandatory</i> obligation to make an immediate oral report to the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families if you know of, or you suspect, child abuse or neglect under Chapter 9 of Title 16 and to follow up with any requested written reports.						
	I certify that I have read and understand 16 Del. C. §903 and that I understand my duty to report. Yes No						
	To assure that your application is ready for Board review, the Board office must receive all of these items no later than 4:30 PM ten full working days before the Board's meeting date: Completed, signed and notarized application form Fee payment All required supporting documentation.						
	Applications that are not <u>complete</u> within six months of filing may be considered abandoned and discarded. When your internship is <u>complete</u> , please allow 2 weeks to receive your license.						
	AFFIDAVIT						
frau may	rtify that the information in this application is complete and true. I understand that the intentional inclusion of false or idulent information in this application, or the material omission of information which might have a bearing on licensure, y result in the denial of licensure and will be reported to the Attorney General for further action. I understand that the lication fee is not refundable.						
Sig	nature of Applicant: Date:						
	City of County of						
	Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this day of, 2						
	Signature of Notary:						
SEA	AL My commission expires:						

APPLICATIONS THAT ARE UNSIGNED, NOT NOTARIZED, INCOMPLETE OR NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FEE WILL BE REJECTED.



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OPTOMETRY INTERNSHIP STATEMENT OF SUPERVISING DOCTOR

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

When an internship *pre-approved* by the Delaware Board of Examiners in Optometry is a requirement for Delaware optometry licensure, *each* doctor who will be supervising the intern is required to complete, sign and submit a *Statement of Supervising Doctor* form. Note that the statement must be notarized. Mail it *directly* to the Board office at the address above.

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IN٦	TERN NAME:			
INF	FORMATION ABO	OUT SUPERVISING DOCTOR		
1.	Name:			
2.	•	se type: Optometrist Ophthalmologist tometrist, continue with Question 3. Otherwi	_	steopathic Physician
3.		itically certified in any jurisdiction where you are g information about each jurisdiction where you		es 🗌 No 🗌 If yes,
		JURISDICTION	LICENSE NUMBER	

4.	Enter the following information about the practice where the internship will be served: Practice Name:						
	Practice Address:						
	City	State	Zip				
5.	Will other optometrists or physicians in your practice supervise names of all supervising doctors:		es, list the				
	Each supervising doctor must complete a Statement of Sup	pervising Doctor form.					
	FORMATION ABOUT INTERNSHIP						
6.	Enter the <i>requested</i> start and end dates of the internship: Start (month/year): End (month/year):	Note: The internship does n until the Board approves the					
7.	Is this internship part of a residency? Yes No If yes, ent Start (month/year): End (month/year):	•	:				
8.	What will be the intern's duties?						
9.	What are the internship goals?						
11.	. How many hours per week will the intern work? hours . How many hours per week will you <i>personally</i> supervise the int . Will the intern practice at any location other than the one you en each address where the intern will practice and the number of h	ntered in Question 4? Yes ☐ No ☐ If ye					
	LOCATION	HOURS PER WEEK					
13.	. Does your practice have any other interns? Yes No						
	AFFIDAVIT	Γ					
l ce	ertify that the information in this statement is complete and true.						
Siç	gnature of Supervising Doctor:	Date:					
	City of County of	·····					
	Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this	day of, 2_	·				
- -	Signature of Notary:						
SE	EAL My commission expires:						

Mail this form <u>directly</u> to the Board office.



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VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF INTERNSHIP

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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The Board will review the verifications at its meeting and, if the intern has successfully completed the internship and met all requirements, the Board will approve his or her Therapeutic Optometrist licensure to begin the day after your internship ends. The Board office will issue the Therapeutic Optometrist license.

Complete and sign this form. Mail it directly to the Board office at the address above.

IN ⁻	TERN NAME:					
1.	Supervising Doctor Name:					
2.	Practice Name:		 			
	Practice Address:					
	City			State	Zip	
3.	Enter dates of the internship: Start (month/year): _		End (mo	onth/year):		
4.	I certify that during the internship period the intern na	amed abo	ove			
	 worked at least 35 hours per week 	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			
	 was supervised one-on-one 	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			
	has completed the duties for the internship	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			
	 has met the goals of the internship 	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			
5.	I certify that the intern named above has successfull optometrist in Delaware. Yes No	ly comple	ted the requir	red six-month inter	nship for licensure as a	ın
Si	gnature of Supervising Doctor:			Date	e:	

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VERIFICATION OF OPTOMETRIST LICENSE

Send a separate form to each jurisdiction other than Delaware where you have ever held an optometry license.

Address:	nority:	Applicant Name: Home Address: City/State/Zip:		
Applicant completes this section	Other Name(s) Used: License Number(s) in Jurisdiction Named About I am applying for licensure as a Therapeutic application can be reviewed, verification of authorizing the release of the information re of Examiners in Optometry.			
Licensing authority completes this section	Issue Date (month/day/year):	above was licensed in the State/Province/Jurisdiction of License Number:(month/day/year) Expiration Date :(month/day/year) Ig this licensee? Yes No If yes, enclose a certified erification.		
AFFIX OFFICIAL SEAL HERE	correct. Printed Name of Official:	Date:		

Mail (do not fax) completed, signed and sealed form directly to the Board office at the address above.

Instructions for Requesting a Criminal Background Check

Both State of Delaware and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background checks are required.

Locations

Kent County – Primary Facility

State Bureau of Identification
Blue Hen Mall & Corporate Center
655 Bay Rd. Suite 1B
Dover, DE 19901

Walk-ins accepted: Mon 9 am - 7 pm, Tue - Fri 9 am - 3 pm Customer Service: (302) 739-2134

New Castle County - Satellite Facility

State Police Troop Two
100 LaGrange Ave
Newark, DE 19702
(Between Rts. 72 and 896 on Rt. 40)

By appointment only
Scheduling: (302) 739-2528 (local)
(800) 464-4357 (toll free)

Sussex County - Satellite Facility

Delaware State Police Troop Four South DuPont Hwy & Shortley Rd. Georgetown DE 19947 (Across from DelDOT & the State Service Ctr.) **By appointment only** Scheduling: (302) 739-2528 (local)

(800) 464-4357 (toll free)

Applicants Residing in Delaware

- 1. If you are using the New Castle or Sussex Counties locations, call **(800) 464-HELP (4357)** to schedule an appointment. No appointments are needed at the Kent County location.
- 2. Take the completed Authorization for Release of Information form to one of the offices listed above with the fee of \$69.00, to cover both the State of Delaware and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal checks. Money orders and credit cards other than American Express are accepted at all locations. New Castle and Kent Counties accept cash; Sussex County does not accept cash. Personal checks are <u>not</u> accepted in any county. As fees are subject to change, contact the agency where you plan to submit your forms for current fees.

Out-of-State Applicants

- 1. You can be fingerprinted by your local police agency. All types of fingerprint cards are accepted. If your local police agency cannot provide a fingerprint card, call (302) 739-2134 to request a fingerprint card.
- 2. Your *Authorization for Release of Information* form and fingerprint card must be <u>complete</u>. If identifying information is missing (such as name, date of birth, race, sex, etc.), your form <u>will be returned</u>.
- 3. **Mail** the Authorization form, fingerprint card, and certified check or money order (*personal checks are not accepted*) for \$69.00 made payable to "Delaware State Police" to:

Delaware State Police State Bureau of Identification (SBI) PO Box 430 Dover, DE 19903-0430

⇒ALLOW FOUR WEEKS FOR RECEIPT OF RESULTS.

DO NOT SEND THE FORM OR FEE TO THE BOARD OFFICE



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CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE APPLICANTS

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Please print or type all information in black ink.

Check the type of license for which you are apply	ring:		
☐ Adult Entertainment	☐ Nursing (RN, LPN, APN)	☐ Podiatry	
☐ Charitable Gaming Vendor	☐ Nursing Home Administrator	☐ Psycholog	у
Chiropractic	☐ Occupational Therapy		e Appraiser (includes
☐ Dental	☐ Optometry	☐ Speech/He	earing
☐ Massage	☐ Pharmacy	☐ Social Wo	rk
☐ Mental Health (LPCMH, LCDP, LMFT, LAPCMH, LAMFT)	☐ Physical Therapy/Athletic Trainer	☐ Texas Hol	d'em Individual
☐ Medical (Physicians, Physician Assistants, Respiratory Care	Practitioners, Acupuncture Practitioners, Ge	netic Counselors,	Polysomnographers)
Print your current full name:			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Suffix (e.g., Jr., Sr.)
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As an applicant, I authorize release of any and all information in the release you, you damage which may result from furnishing this information. SIGNATURE OF PERSON PRINTED:	ormation that you have concerning m r organization, the State of Delaware ation:	y CRIMINAL I and others fro	om any liability or
Phone: Home Work			
rione. Figure work			
Mail the results of my criminal history request to:	Division of Profession 861 Silver Lake Boule Dover DE 19904 SI C. D4204		

USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION IS RESTRICTED BY LAW AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS GIVEN. MISUSE CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL VIOLATION.