

**21 NCAC 40 .0303 LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND RE-EXAMINATION**

- (a) The licensure exam shall consist of Basic and Practical components. An optician's license shall not be issued until a passing score has been achieved on all components within three years from the date of a passing score having been achieved on one component.
- (b) A candidate who has met the qualifications as defined in G.S. 90-237, and either 90-240 or 90-241(b) shall be admitted to a Practical component of the licensure examination upon the Board's receipt of an executed application and the examination fee as set out in G.S. 90-246.
- (c) The examination shall be administered at least twice yearly, at a time and location specified by the Board or any of its examination administration agents.
- (d) Exam applications obtained by procedures outlined in Rule .0104 of this Chapter must be executed and received by the Board no later than 60 days prior to the opening of the exam registration period specified by the Board or any of its examination administration agents.
- (e) If, during its review of an application, the Board determines that a candidate has participated in a Practical exam without first having their qualifications examined by the Board, the Board shall deny any passing score obtained by the candidate and require subsequent re-examination in the Practical.
- (f) A participant who is unsuccessful in passing an exam component may retake the failed components upon registration and remittance of the examination fee being submitted to the administration agent within the deadline specified by the agent.

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