

## **21 NCAC 42B .0202      BRANCH OFFICE**

Before opening or beginning practice in a branch office, an optometrist must obtain a duplicate license to be displayed in the branch office. The application for a branch office license must be made on Form BEO-3, which can be acquired from the Board. If in the opinion of the Board Rules 42E .0102(2) and 42E .0102(5) of this Chapter are met, the Board shall notify the optometrist making application of the approval of the request and upon receipt of the required fee such duplicate license shall be issued by the Board for the purpose of display in the branch office for which it is issued in compliance with G.S. 90-118.2 and 90-118.4. A duplicate license is not transferable from one practice location to another, nor from one practitioner to another. Within the meaning of this Rule a nursing home is considered a branch office when there is an agreement between the optometrist or his representative that he will provide optometric services on a scheduled basis within the nursing home; provided however, any optometrist who accepts a request to make emergency calls to patients at a nursing home within 20 miles of his practice location(s) as reflected in the Board records is not required to obtain a duplicate license for that location.

*History Note:      Authority G.S. 90-117.5; 90-118.2; 90-118.4;  
                         Eff. February 1, 1976;  
                         Readopted Eff. May 30, 1978;  
                         Amended Eff. April 1, 1993; June 1, 1989; September 30, 1981;  
                         Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 23, 2015.*