

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Article 5.—Licenses

65-5-2. Application for licensure by examination.

(a) An application for licensure by examination shall be forwarded to the board office at least 30 days prior to the scheduled examination. The applicant shall submit with the application:

- (1) the applicant's academic transcript, proof of receipt of degree, and proof of completion of an optometric program;
- (2) the appropriate, non-refundable fee;
- (3) fingerprints for a criminal history check;
- (4) proof of successful completion of all parts of national board examination; and
- (5) three written references.

(A) two references shall be from optometrists familiar with the applicant's work.

(B) if the applicant is a student or a recent graduate, one reference shall be from the academic supervisor. For all other applicants, one reference shall be from the current or most recent work supervisor.

(C) references from individuals other than optometrists may be accepted under extenuating circumstances and shall address the applicant's moral character.

(b) Any application found to be insufficient for lack of qualifications may be held by the board for a period up to one year. If the applicant has not supplemented the application to make it sufficient by the end of that year, the application shall expire. Upon expiration, an application may be renewed through submission of a new application, fee and all supporting documents.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1504(a)(6); implementing K.S.A. 65-1505, as amended by L. 2024, ch. 15, sec. 48; effective May 18, 1992; amended Feb. 21, 2025.)