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OPTOMETRY LICENSE APPLICATION

Requirements and Instructions- Applicant may keep the first two pages for reference.

- Complete and mail enclosed application (pages 1-5). The application fee of \$175.00 must sent by check or money order with the application. It is good for one year from the date received. The application fee is non-refundable and must be paid again if reapplying after the expiration of the application. The PDF document may be filled out electronically, but must be signed in ink and mailed to the address above.
- National Board Scores must be sent to the South Dakota Board of Optometry directly from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- Official transcripts are required from all pre-optometric and optometric university education and must be sent directly from the school. Copies or unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
- Pursuant to SDCL 36-7-12.2, effective July 1, 2009, each applicant for licensure is required to submit a full set of fingerprints with the completed application to obtain a state and federal criminal background check.
 - Upon receipt of this application, you will receive an email from us with further instructions regarding submission of fingerprints and completion of the background check.
 - You will be asked if you will be completing the fingerprints in South Dakota or another state. If you will be completing them in South Dakota, you will have the option for Livescan digital fingerprints and electronic submission as well as online payment. This is not yet an option for individuals wishing to process the fingerprints in another state.
 - Your application will not be processed until the results of the background check have been received.
 - This board does not issue temporary licenses or special permits.
 - Completion of the background check takes approximately 4-6 weeks; however, that depends on the volume of inquiries at the time of submission. Completing them in South Dakota will expedite the process.
- Two references of good moral character must be submitted using forms Appendix A and B.
- License verification forms from Appendix C must be submitted for each state listed in the "record of licensure" on page 4. Standard forms from other states will also be accepted.
- The verification of practice location must be submitted using form Appendix D.
- When all documents have been received, you will receive notification that includes information regarding the estimated timeline for licensure and pro-rated license fee. This email will contain instructions for payment.

PLEASE NOTE: This document is our general application for new licenses. If this application is approved, the privileges granted through this approval include:

36-7-1. The practice of optometry is declared to be a profession and is defined as:

- (1) The examination of the human eye and its appendages;
- (2) The employment of any means for the measurement of the powers of visions, or any visual, muscular, neurological, interpretative, or anatomical anomaly of the visual process;
- (3) The prescribing or employment of lenses, prisms, frames, mountings, and visual training procedures;
- (4) The prescribing or administration, except by injection unless otherwise permitted by this chapter, of any pharmaceutical agent rational to the diagnosis and treatment of the human eye and its appendages;
- (5) The employment of any means or method for the correction, remedy, or relief of any insufficiency or abnormal condition of the visual process of the human eye and its appendages, provided the term "any means or method" does not include surgeries, unless otherwise permitted by this chapter;
- (6) The removal of a superficial foreign body from the eye;
- (7) The prescribing of contact lenses, except by a physician licensed under chapter 36-4;
- (8) The use of intense pulsed light for the treatment of dry eye disease;

Advanced Procedures: Advanced procedures have been approved by legislative authority; however, South Dakota licensed optometrists may NOT perform these procedures until they have been authorized by the Board by using the advanced procedures application(s) that can be found on our website. These are two separate application processes and none of these procedures may be conducted until an advanced procedure application has been approved.

Advanced procedures include:

- Intradermal Injection of a Paralytic Agent (INJ-PA)
- Intralesional Injection of a Steroid to Treat a Chalazion (INJ-S)
- Use of Local Anesthetic in Conjunction with the Primary Removal of a Pedunculated Skin Tag (ST)
- Performance of a Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (LAS-T)
- Performance of a Posterior Capsulotomy using an Yttrium Aluminum Garnet Laser (LAS-YAG)



If an optometrist receives certification in all of the above procedures, an **(AP)** will be placed after their license number. This will be the highest level of licensure for a South Dakota optometrist.

*Any procedure referenced above, when performed by an optometrist licensed in SDCL <u>36-7</u>, does not constitute the practice of medicine, for purposes of SDCL 36-4. Nothing in the scope of practice may be construed to allow the performance of intraocular injections, intraocular surgery, or refractive surgery by an optometrist.



Attach Photo Here

For identification purposes, the applicant shall furnish one passport sized photograph taken not more than one year before the date of application.

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First Name:	Middle I	Name:			Last Name:						
Social Security #:		Bi	rth Date:			Gender:					
Have you ever been known under any other n	name? Yes	No	o 🗌	If yes, list na	me(s):						
	Perso	onal Co	ntact In	formation							
Home Mailing Address:				Email Address:							
City:		State:				Zip Code:					
U.S. Citizen: Yes No Home Phor	ne:				Cell Phone:						
Current Pr	ractice Inf	ormati	ion- (If li	censed in ar	nother state.)						
Practice Address:				Practice Pho	one:						
City:	State:			Zip Code:							
South Dakota Practice Informatio	n: Appen	dix D is	require	ed to be sub	mitted to veri	fy location of practic	e.				
20:50:02:07. Certificate of registration . The Board may not issue a license to a successful applicant until the applicant has secured and equipped an office in this state that meets the requirements of 20:50:06:01 or has arranged a bona fide association with a licensed optometrist in this state who has an office that meets those requirements. This section does not apply when the applicant is in or entering the military or other governmental service.											
Where do you prefer to receive mail correspondence from the board? Home Address: Practice Address:											
DEA Number (If applicable):											
Please note: If you have not currently secured a location to practice in South Dakota, you may still submit your application. This information can be added at a later date using the document on Appendix D.											
Practice Name: Practi			Practic	Practice Address:							
City: Stat		State:	e:		Zip Code:						
Practice Phone: If employee, who may we contact to verify employment:											
National Board of Examiners in Optometry Exam Required											
Date of Exam: OE Tracker Number:											
Have you requested to have your NBEO scores submitted to this board: YES NO											

EDUCATION							
High School Graduation							
High School Name: City and State: Graduation Da							
	Pre-Optometric College	Education					
Starting with your undergraduate education chronological order.	on, list all schools, colleges and u	niversities attended, whether	r completed or r	not, and in			
Name of School	Address	Start	Date	End Date			
Degree Received:		Date of Graduation:					
	Education in Opton	netry					
Name of School	Address	Start	Date	End Date			
Degree Received: Date of Graduation:							
MILITARY BACKGROUND							
Are you currently a member of the armed forces of the United States? Yes No							
Are you the spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States? Yes No							
If yes, was your spouse the subject of a military transfer to South Dakota? Yes No NA							
C	RIMINAL BACKGROUND IN	IVESTIGATION					
Instructions for completing the criminal background check can be found on page 1 and will also accompany the fingerprint cards that will be mailed upon receipt of this application.							
36-7-12.2. Criminal background check of new applicants and licensees under disciplinary investigation. Each new applicant for licensure as an optometrist, in this state shall submit to a state and federal criminal background investigation by means of fingerprint checks by the Division of Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon application, the Board of Examiners of Optometry shall submit completed fingerprint cards to the Division of Criminal Investigation. Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Division of Criminal Investigation shall forward to the board all information obtained as a result of the criminal background check. This information shall be obtained before permanent licensure of the applicant. The board may require a state and federal criminal background check for any licensee who is the subject of a disciplinary investigation by the board. Failure to submit to or cooperate with the criminal background investigation is grounds for denial of an application or may result in revocation of a license. The applicant shall pay for any fees charged for the cost of fingerprinting or the criminal background investigation.							

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You must check on	e of the following:				
☐ I am more th	an \$1,000 delinquer	nt in complying with	n a child support or	der.	
I am currentl	y under a child supp	ort order, but I am	in compliance with	the Department of Social Services	i.
☐ I am not curr	ently under any chil	d support order.			
		REC	ORD OF LICENSU	JRE	
I am curren	ntly or have previo	ously been license	ed to practice opto	ometry in the following states	and no others:
State	License Number	Issue Date	Expiration Date	Adverse Action: Formal or Ir	oformal Reprimand
				Yes No If yes, please	explain below.
				Yes No If yes, please	explain below.
				Yes No If yes, please	explain below.
				Yes No If yes, please	explain below.
				Yes No If yes, please	explain below.
Explanation of adv	erse action(s):				
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		PERSONAI	HISTORY INFO	RMATION	
	-			uilty to, or been granted a deferred with respect to a	Yes No
deferred judgment	-	osition of sentence,	or had prosecution	ilty to, or been granted a deferred with respect to a	Yes
crime relates to yo	ur practice as an op	tometrist, and desc	ription of rehabilita	railing the nature of the crime, who tion efforts. You must also submit ourt of jurisdiction, including evide	copies of charges or

Please note: If you answered YES to 1 or 2, pro crime relates to your practice as an optometris citations and ALL communications (to and from completion/compliance with court requirements. You must attach all communications for a violation to the signed and dated explanation of that violation. Please put correspondence in chronological order (most recent first). If you have more than one violation, please do the same for each violation.

This does not include records that have been sealed, expunged or pardoned.

3. Is there any pending criminal prosecution against you?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌			
4. Are you currently being investigated or is disciplinary action pending against any professional license(s) or certificate(s) held by you?	Yes No No			
5. Has any license, registration, permit or certificate held by you in any state or country been denied, revoked, suspended, stipulated, or have you been placed on probation or otherwise subjected to any type of disciplinary action?	Yes No No			
6. Have you ever been denied a license to practice optometry in another state?	Yes No No			
7. Have you ever been subject to a negligence or malpractice judgment or settlement during the scope and course of your practice?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌			
8. Do you have any physical or mental health condition (including alcohol or substance use) that currently impairs your ability to practice optometry in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?	Yes No			
Please note: For questions 3-8 above, provide an explanation for each YES response on a separate piece of padescription of dates and events. You must also send all supporting applicable documents. You must attach supthe signed and dated explanation. Please put supporting documents in chronological order (most recent first).				
ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS (You may skip this section if you have graduated optometry school in the past	5 years.)			
20:50:02:04.03. Licensure by endorsement. An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit the application required by 20:50:02:02 and pay the application fee for initial licensure pursuant to 20:50:02:03.01. The application supported by written evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:	= :			
 Is licensed in good standing to practice optometry in a state or territory under U.S. jurisdiction that required passage of a written, entry-level examination at the time of initial licensure; Has either passed the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) portion of the national examinations or has therapeutic pharmaceutical privileges; and Has been actively and routinely engaged in the practice of optometry, including the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding application under this section. 				
The applicant shall request any optometry licensing agency of any U.S. jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed or has ever been licensed to practice optometry to provide reports directly to the board describing the applicant's current standing and any past or pending actions taken with respect to the applicant's authority to practice optometry in those jurisdictions, including any investigations, entrances into consent agreements, suspensions, revocations, or refusals to issue or renew a license. The board shall review, on a case-by-case basis, any application received from an optometrist who has had a license revoked by another optometric licensing jurisdiction.				
The board may require additional education, testing, or training before granting licensure under SDCL 36-7-13 if the competency of any applicant is in question. Any applicant who has previously been denied a license by the board shall apply for and meet all initial licensure requirements.				
Have you met all of the requirements described above to be issued licensure through endorsement?	Yes No No			
Please note: If you answered NO to the above question, please provide written documentation of circumstances. You must also attach any applicable supporting documents.				

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

- No person shall be eligible for licensure unless such person is a full eighteen years old, a citizen of the United States of America, of good moral character, and a graduate of an accredited high school.
- An applicant for a license to practice optometry in the State of South Dakota shall be a graduate from an institution recognized and approved by the South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- An applicant must submit to the federal and state background investigations and pay the fees associated with that investigation as set by the state and federal entities. By submitting this document, you are authorizing this board to conduct federal and state background checks.
- An applicant must file with the board, a properly executed application together with a non-refundable application fee of \$175.00 in the form of a certified check, or money order, payable to the South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry, upon completion of the National Board Examination. The application is current for one year after the date in which it was received. After this date, the application will expire and the \$175.00 must be paid again to reapply.
- While an applicant is asked to provide a social security number on this application, an independent license number will be issued upon licensure.
- Upon licensure, general license, practice address, and disciplinary actions will be posted on the South Dakota Board of Examiner's website. Licensee demographic information may also be shared with other state entities for statistical purposes.
- I will carefully read and study the South Dakota Optometry Laws, including South Dakota Codified Law chapters 36-7 and 47-11B, and Administrative Rules of South Dakota Article 20:50. By signing this form, I am also attesting that I have done so and will comply with these laws.
- I will further faithfully submit and conform myself and my actions to obey, observe, perform, fulfill, and keep all provisions of South Dakota Codified Law and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota governing the practice of Optometry in South Dakota. I will at all times assist the duly constituted authorities in enforcement of the laws governing Optometry in South Dakota.
- I hereby agree that if I furnish false information, or I shall violate the above agreements, the board may find me ineligible for licensure. I understand that I must notify the board of any changes to information in the application after submission.

CERTIFYING STATEMENT

By virtue of filing this application, I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am of good moral character, and that I understand the instructions and terms as set forth in this application form. I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this application has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all information contained herein is true and correct and that the photograph attached hereto is a true likeness of myself.

I hereby authorize the State Board of Examiners in Optometry to verify any and all information contained in this application. I authorize the South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry to obtain and review any and all records and files pertaining to my licensure and practice in this and any other state in which I am or have been licensed in optometry or have applied to be licensed in optometry, and all law enforcement records, administrative records, motor vehicle records, and court documents to confirm the accuracy and completeness of the information provided herein. This application and signature shall act as authorization of entities in possession of applicable information to release such information to the licensing authority.

I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that I will faithfully submit and conform myself and my actions to comply with all provisions of South Dakota Codified Law and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota governing the practice of Optometry in South Dakota.

Signature of Applicant:		Date:
АР	PLICATION MUST BE NOTARIZED	
Printed Name of Notary Public:		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of	20
My commission expires:		
	End of Application	



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REFERENCE FORM- APPENDIX A (Must be signed by an optometrist licensed and in good standing from any U.S. state.)

Please complete this reference form and return electronically or mail to the address shown above.				
This is to certify that I have been personally acquain	ted with			
for years. I believe him/her to be of good m	noral character and I hereby recomi	mend him//her to	the South Dakota Board of	
Examiners in Optometry as entirely worthy to be lice	ensed to practice optometry in the	State of South Da	kota pursuant to law.	
Additional Comments:				
Please note: No member of the profession is expected who is not willing to supply additional information contains and a Board of Examiners in Optometry.	_			
Your Name (Printed):				
Your Signature (Digital Signature Allowed):				
Address:				
City:	State:		Zip:	
Phone:				
Email Address:				
State of Optometry License (Currently Practicing):		License Numb	er:	
Number of Years in Practice:				



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REFERENCE FORM- APPENDIX B (Must be signed by an optometrist licensed and in good standing from any U.S. state.)

Please complete this reference form and return electronically or mail to the address shown above.				
This is to certify that I have been personally acquaint	ted with			
for years. I believe him/her to be of good m	noral character and I hereby recomr	mend him//her to	the South Dakota Board of	
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Additional Comments:				
Please note: No member of the profession is expecte who is not willing to supply additional information co				
Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry.				
Your Name (Printed):				
Your Signature (Digital Signature Allowed):				
Address:				
City:	State:		Zip:	
Phone:				
Email Address:				
State of Optometry License (Currently Practicing):		License Numb	er:	
Number of Years in Practice:				



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REQUEST FOR LICENSE VERIFICATION- APPENDIX C

Must be completed by the regulatory agency of any other state in which you have been licensed. States may also use their own forms.

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Applicant Name:		License Number:			
Issue Date:	Expiration Date:	:			
Current License Status: Active Inactive Expired	Revoked P	robation Other			
Is this individual considered to be in good standing in your state	e?		Yes No No		
If no, please explain:					
Has this license ever been revoked, suspended, restricted, limit	ed, or placed on p	robation?	Yes No		
If yes, please explain:					
Is this individual currently under investigation or charged with a	a violation?		Yes No		
If yes, please explain:					
Was this individual required to pass a written examination at the	ne time of initial lie	censure?	Yes No		
Has this individual either passed the TMOD portion of the National Board of Examiners exam or have therapeutic pharmaceutical privileges?					
If no, please explain:					
If this license is not in good standing or has ever been revoked, suspended, restricted, limited, or placed on probation, please provide a copy of the final order or other documentation of action taken.					
FORM COMPLETED BY:					
Name (Printed):					
Signature:					
Title:					
State Agency:			SEAL		
Date:					



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VERIFICATION OF PRACTICE LOCATION- APPENDIX D

20:50:02:07. Certificate of registration. After a candidate has successfully passed the examination, the certificate of registration for admission to practice shall not be issued until the candidate has secured and equipped an office within the state of South Dakota meeting the minimum requirements of § 20:50:06:01 or has arranged a bona fide association with a registered optometrist licensed under the laws of the state of South Dakota who has an office meeting those requirements. The certificate of registration shall not be issued as a result of the examination unless the requirements of all sections of this article are met within one year from the date the candidate was notified of passing the examination. This section does not apply when the candidate is in or entering the military or other governmental service.

other governmental service.				
Applicant Name:				
Please check the box next to the option that best describes your practice location and complete that section:				
Option 1:				
I am opening my own practice that meets the minimum requirements of:				
20:50:06:01. Minimum office equipment. The minimum equipment with which licensed optometrists shall operate their offices and engage in the practice of optometry consists of the following items, all of which shall be kept in good condition: (1) Ophthalmic chair and instrument unit; (2) Retinoscope; (3) Ophthalmoscope; (4) Phoropter; (5) Keratometer; (6) Trial lens set; (7) Trial frame; (8) Transilluminator; (9) Projector chart or other luminous acuity chart; (10) Biomicroscope; (11) Instrument to evaluate intraocular pressure; (12) Permanent patient record system; (13) Visual fields instrument; (14) Color vision test equipment; and (15) Sanitary lavatory basin.				
I also understand that the following administrative rule applies to my situation:				
20:50:06:02. Inspection of office. Within 60 days following the establishment of a practice of optometry in this state, a new licensee shall inform the secretary of the board. At least one member of the board shall conduct an inspection of the office facility and procedures. This section and § 20:50:06:01 also apply to an optometrist admitted under endorsement provisions or a licensed optometrist who changes location or opens an additional office. The inspection of the office of an optometrist previously licensed in this state is at the option of the board.				
Practice Street Address:				
Practice City, State and Zip:				
Signature of Applicant: Date:				

VERIFICATION OF PRACTICE LOCATION- APPENDIX D (continued)					
Option 2:					
I am in or entering the military or other governmental service. I understand tha	I am in or entering the military or other governmental service. I understand that 20:50:02:07 does not apply to my situation.				
Signature of Applicant:	Date:				
Option 3:					
I have arranged a bona fide association with a registered optometrist licenshas an office meeting the requirements of 20:50:06:01.	sed under the laws of the State of South Dakota who				
For licensure purposes, bona fide is defined as: made with earnest intent or in	good faith without fraud or deceit.				
To be completed by registered optometrist licensed under the laws of the Sta	ite of South Dakota: (Practice Owner)				
I hereby attest that I have an office meeting the requirements of 20:50:06:01. I person indicated in this application that he or she will be actively practicing in intent and without fraud or deceit.	_				
Printed Name of SD Licensed Optometrist:					
Signature of SD Licensed Optometrist:	Date:				
Address of Practice Location:					
Telephone Number of Practice Location:					
To be completed by applicant:					
I hereby attest that I have arranged a bona fide association with a registered of South Dakota who has an office meeting the requirements of 20:50:06:01. This without fraud or deceit.					
Signature of Applicant:	Date:				
Printed Name of Applicant:					