

lenses, prisms, or frames for the aid of the human eye; (g) the prescribing, directing the use of, or administering vision training or orthoptics, and the use of any optical device in connection therewith; (h) the prescribing of contact lenses for, or the fitting or adaptation of contact lenses to the human eye; and (i) the identification of any departure from the normal condition or function of the human eye, including its appendages;

"(3) 'optometrist' means, except as otherwise provided in this Act, an individual licensed to engage in the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia;

"(4) 'person' means any natural person, corporation, association, company, firm, partnership, or society;

"(5) 'individual' means only a natural person; and

"(6) 'State' means the States of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of the United States.

"Sec. 4. The Commissioners shall issue a license to practice optometry in the District of Columbia to any individual who—

"(1) is at least twenty-one years of age;

"(2) is of good moral character;

"(3) is mentally competent;

"(4) has satisfied the Commissioners that he has had a preliminary education equivalent to the completion of a four-year course of study in an accredited high school;

"(5) has completed a preoptometric course of at least two years at college level;

"(6) has graduated from a school or college of optometry approved by the Commissioners after completion of a course of study of not less than four years;

"(7) has passed written, oral, and practical examinations as prescribed by the Commissioners in the following subjects: geometric, physical, and physiological optics; theoretic optometry and optics; anatomy, physiology, and pathology, especially as they relate to the eye and to vision; general practice of optometry; special practice of optometry; practical optometric dispensing and such other subject matters as are taught in the schools and colleges of optometry and which the Commissioners deem necessary to determine the applicant's competence to practice as an optometrist. The Commissioners may accept the results of written examinations given by the National Board of Optometry, but shall conduct their own oral and practical examinations; and

"(8) has paid all the required fees.

"Sec. 5. (a) The Commissioners are authorized to issue a reciprocity license to an individual who holds a license to practice optometry in another State. An applicant for a reciprocity license may, at the discretion of the Commissioners, be licensed without a written examination but he must be given and pass a practical and oral examination. A reciprocity license shall be granted only if—

"(1) The State in which the applicant's license has been granted accords like privileges to the holder of a license to practice optometry in the District of Columbia;

"(2) the license of the applicant shall not have been suspended or revoked by any State for any cause which is the basis for suspension or revocation of a license under this Act (other than for nonpayment of fees) unless such license has been reinstated by such State and is in full force and effect at the time of the application for a reciprocity license under this section;

"(3) the applicant for a reciprocity license has not failed to pass an examination for a license under this Act in the District of Columbia after his admission to practice in another State.

"(b) If an individual holding a reciprocity license granted under this section fails to actually practice optometry in the District of Columbia within one year after such license has been granted, the Commissioners may revoke such license at any time before such individual actually begins the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia.

"Sec. 6. Every license issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act, subject to the provisions of Sec. 7 of this Act, shall automatically be renewed annually upon application by the holder of the license and payment of the annual renewal fee. Such annual renewal fee shall be fixed by the Commissioners. If the holder of a license fails to renew his license in accordance with this section, such