

12-2621. Scoring of examination.

(a) Each portion of the examination shall be scored on the basis of 100 points. In order to be eligible for a license, an applicant must attain a score of at least 70 on the written portion of the examination and a score of at least 70 on the practical portion of the examination. An applicant for a Class-II Dispensing Optician License must, in addition, attain a score of at least 70 on the practical demonstration of his knowledge and skill in filling contact lens prescriptions. An applicant who fails any portion of the examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination. *Provided, however,* That the Board may, if it so desires, establish rules permitting carry-over credits for applicants who pass a portion of the examination.

(b) In order to be eligible for a Class-II Dispensing Optician License, an applicant who meets the qualifications of subsection (a) of Section 12-2608 of these Regulations must attain a score of at least 70 on the practical demonstration of his knowledge and skill in filling contact lens prescriptions.

12-2622. Notification of examination results. The Director shall notify each applicant of the examination results as determined by the Board.

12-2623. Second and subsequent examinations. Any person who fails his first examination may reapply and sit for subsequent examinations. *Provided, however,* That an applicant who has failed three examinations shall be permitted to take a fourth examination only after presenting satisfactory proof to the Commission that he has, since failing his third examination, received such additional training in ophthalmic dispensing as the Commission may require.

ISSUANCE OF LICENSE

12-2624. License to be issued. A Class-I License or a Class-II License, as the case may be, to practice in the District as a Dispensing Optician shall be issued to each applicant who meets all of the requirements for such a license. The Commission shall certify the name of each such applicant to the Director.

12-2625. Director to prepare and issue license. The Director shall prepare and issue a license for each duly qualified applicant certified to him by the Commission.

ISSUANCE OF LICENSE RENEWAL

12-2626. Annual renewal required. Every license in good-standing issued in accordance with these Regulations shall expire on the 31st day of January of each year and must be renewed annually in order to remain in good-standing. Approximately sixty days prior to the annual expiration date, the Director shall mail an application for renewal to the last known address of each person holding a license in good-standing.

12-2627. Filing of renewal application. Each person holding a license in good-standing issued in accordance with these Regulations shall file with the Director, on or before the 31st day of January of each year, an application for renewal of his license, accompanied by the required renewal fee.

12-2628. Issuance of annual renewal. Each year, upon receipt of a renewal application and the required renewal fee, and upon verifying the absence of any reason for withholding renewal, the Director shall issue a renewal of the license concerned, for the period beginning February 1 of that year and ending January 31 of the following year.

12-2629. Lapse of license. Any person holding a license in good-standing who fails to file an application for renewal and pay the required renewal fee on or before the 31st day of January of any year, shall be guilty of practicing without a license if, on or after February 1 of that year, he engages in the business of or practices ophthalmic dispensing in the District.

12-2630. Restoration of a lapsed license. Any person who has permitted his license to lapse in the manner specified in Section 12-2629 of these Regulations, may restore his license to good-standing by duly filing a current renewal application, accompanied by the annual renewal fee and late-filing fee for each license year, or portion thereof, in which his license was in a lapsed status. *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this Section shall not apply to the period of time during which a licensee is in an inactive status as provided for in Section 12-2631 of these Regulations.

12-2631. Inactive status. Any person holding a license but not so practicing in the District, may apply to the Director, in writing, for inactive status. Upon being so notified, the Director shall place the name of such person on the non-practicing list. While remaining in such inactive status, the holder of a license