

(b) Any person, qualified for licensure under subsection (a) above upon making proper application and payment of the required fee or fees within one year following the effective date of these Regulations, shall be licensed by the Commission as a Dispensing Optician—Class II upon successfully passing such practical examination in the filling of contact lens prescriptions as the Board may require.

(c) Where any person has been engaged for two years in the full-time practice of ophthalmic dispensing in the Metropolitan Area of Washington, and during such time has been employed by or associated with an ophthalmic dispenser or ophthalmic dispensing firm whose main or comparable office has been in the District during such period, shall be considered to have been so engaging in the District for the purposes of subsections (a) and (b) above; and the "Metropolitan Area of Washington" for this purpose is hereby defined as the "District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in the State of Maryland, Arlington and Fairfax Counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Alexandria, and any city, township, or other political or incorporated subdivision within the geographical perimeter of the whole."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

12-2607. *For license by examination.* Every applicant for a license by examination must furnish proof satisfactory to the Commission that he has the following qualifications:

- (a) Is at least 19 years of age;
- (b) is of good moral character;
- (c) is a high school graduate or has had equivalent education as determined by the District of Columbia Board of Education;
- (d) has either (1) satisfactorily completed a one year course of study in a school of ophthalmic dispensing approved by the Commission or (2) had at least one year of satisfactory training and experience in ophthalmic dispensing;
- (e) has passed such examination in ophthalmic dispensing as the Board may require; and
- (f) has paid all required fees.

12-2608. *For license by endorsement.*

(a) to be eligible for license by endorsement to practice as a Dispensing Optician—Class I in the District, an applicant must furnish satisfactory proof to the Commission that he has the following qualifications:

(1) He has been duly licensed as an optician, by examination, in another state or territory of the United States, or a recognized foreign country, wherein the requirements for licensure are substantially the same as those in effect in the District, and currently is in good standing.

(2) He meets the qualifications specified in subsections (a), (b), and (f) of Section 12-2607 of these Regulations.

(b) Any person who meets the qualifications of subsection (a) of this Section, shall be eligible for a license to practice as a Dispensing Optician—Class II in the District upon successfully passing such practical examination as the Board may require in the filling of contact lense prescriptions.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE

12-2609. *Filing of application.* Every applicant for a license shall duly file with the Director an application on a form prescribed by the Commission and provided by the Director. All required documents must be attached to the application at time of filing.

12-2610. *Photographs of applicant required.* Every application for a license must be accompanied by two recent photographs of the applicant, measuring one inch by one-and-a-half inches.

12-2611. *Application to be notarized.* Every application for a license shall be sworn or affirmed to before a notary public.

12-2612. *Application not duly made.* The Commission shall review and take action on all duly made applications. However, the applicant for a license has upon him the burden of proving that he meets the qualifications required for obtaining the license sought. The Commission may not presume qualifications not shown on the application. The Commission may refuse to act on an application and may require the applicant to submit additional information, if the application contains incomplete, evasive, or insufficiently supported assertions where supporting evidence is required.