

12-2613. *False statements, disqualifications.* The Commission may, after notice and opportunity for hearing, disqualify the application of an applicant for a license, (a) if the applicant has knowingly made or allowed to be made on his behalf, either to the Commission or to any officer or employee of the Department, any false or misleading statements in connection with his application; or (b) if the applicant has attempted improperly to influence any member of the Commission or the Board of any officer or employee of the Department in the discharge of his duties relating to the application of the applicant. At the discretion of the Commission, any applicant whose application has been so disqualified may reapply for the license desired.

12-2614. *Application for a license by examination.* Every applicant for a license by examination shall file his application not later than thirty days prior to the date of the examination for which he desires to sit. The Director shall notify each applicant of the Commission's action with respect to his eligibility to take the examination. At least ten days prior to the examination, the Director shall notify each eligible applicant of the time and place of examination.

EXAMINATIONS

12-2615. *Examination, frequency, place.* The Board shall conduct in the District at least one examination semi-annually. The Board may, however, schedule such additional examinations as it determines to be necessary. The Board shall fix the time and place for each examination.

12-2616. *Nature of examination.* The examination administered to applicants for licensure as a Dispensing Optician—Class I or Dispensing Optician—Class II shall be both written and practical in nature. The Board may, however, when the circumstances so warrant, permit the written portion of the examination to be administered orally.

12-2617. *Exception.* The preceding Section shall not be construed as applying to an applicant for licensure as a Dispensing Optician—Class II who meets the qualifications of subsection (a) of Section 12-2608 of these Regulations. Such an applicant shall only be required to pass a practical examination in the filling of contact lens prescriptions.

12-2618. *Type and content of examination.*

(a) The written portion of the examination shall consist of objective type questions pertaining to ophthalmic dispensing as defined in Section 12-2603 of these Regulations.

(b) The practical portion of the examination shall consist of a demonstration by the applicant of his knowledge and skill in the actual practice of ophthalmic dispensing as defined in Section 12-2603 of these Regulations. *Provided, however,* That applicants for a Dispensing Optician—Class I license shall not be required to demonstrate their knowledge and skill in the filling of contact lens prescriptions.

12-2619. *Examination rules.* The examination shall be administered to applicants in accordance with the examination rules established by the Board.

12-2620. *Infraction of examination rules.* At the discretion of the examiner in charge, any applicant may be excluded from the examination for violating the examination rules. An applicant who is deemed guilty of dishonesty during an examination may be excluded by the Commission from future examinations for a period of not more than 3 years.

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 license as a Dispensing Optician—Class II must, in addition, attain a score of at least 70 on the practical demonstration of his knowledge and skill in filling contact lens prescriptions. However, in its discretion, the Board may allow reexamination in the failed parts only at the next examination.

(b) In order to be eligible for a license as a Dispensing Optician—Class II, 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