

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 license to practice in the District as a Dispensing Optician shall be issued to each applicant who meets all of 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 may be considered to 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 shall not be subject to the payment of any annual renewal fee and he shall not engage in the business of or practice ophthalmic dispensing in the District.

12-2632. *Restoration to active status.* Any person on the nonpracticing list may restore his license to active status by requesting such a change in status and filing with the Director a properly completed application and renewal fee for the current license year. *Provided, however,* That a person who permitted his license to lapse prior to requesting inactive status, must comply with the restoration provisions contained in Section 12-2630 of these Regulations.

DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

12-2633. *Grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of license.* The Commission may refuse to issue or may suspend or revoke any license to practice ophthalmic dispensing in the District, for any one or combination of the following grounds:

A person

(a) has been guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license required by these Regulations;

(b) has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;