

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Special License Requirements (for out-of-state transfers)

Please make sure you have the following information and documents available before beginning a Special License Application. If you have questions about any of the following requirements, please contact the Board Office at info@nvopticians.org.

Applicant Information:

- Personal/contact information
- Ophthalmic education/training information and graduation dates (if applicable)
- Ophthalmic work history information

Required Documents:

- Proof you are a U.S. citizen or lawfully entitled to work in the U.S. (copy of birth certificate, passport, SS card, NV Real ID card, Worker's Visa, Permanent Resident Card, Certificate of Naturalization, etc.) You must include copies of both front and back of documents as applicable.
- Proof of high school graduation or GED (copy of high school diploma/transcript or GED certificate). If you received your secondary school education outside of the U.S., you must include translated and verified copies of any transcripts/certificates.
- If you have received ophthalmic education from a credentialed school/program, you must have your school mail an official transcript directly to the board office.
- Proof of **current** ophthalmic dispensing license (copies of license and certificate provided by licensing body), **OR** proof of five or more years of experience as an optician in an unlicensed state/territory (work history report/resumé). If you are sending proof of licensure, you must include a copy of the current licensing requirements for the issuing state.
- Proof of at least 100 hours of contact lens training, verified by letters from the person(s) who provided the training, or other verification as applicable. Any verification should include training in contact lens fitting, follow-up, insertion and removal, filling prescriptions, instrumentation, and inspection.
- Three letters of reference emailed directly to the board office by the authors, one of which must be written by someone who has worked with you in the optical field.

Licensing Certifications (must be current)

- ABO Basic, Advanced, and Practical Certifications
- NCLE Basic, Advanced, and Practical Certifications

Please note: If you do not currently hold the Advanced or Practical Certifications of the ABO/NCLE, you will need authorization from the Board to register for these exams. The Board will issue authorization upon receipt of an otherwise complete application.

Nevada Laws and Ethics Examination

This open-book (open-Web) exam is issued by mail once all other licensing requirements have been met. The laws and regulations governing Nevada licensure can be found on the [Board's website](#).