

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Requirements for Foreign Application for Dispensing Optician License (for out-of-state transfers)

Please make sure you have the following information and documents available before beginning a 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:

- **One** of the following forms of ID: Real ID card issued by a U.S. jurisdiction (with star icon at top right), U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, U.S. Social Security card, U.S. Worker's Visa, U.S. Permanent Resident Card, or U.S. Certificate of Naturalization. If you don't have one of these forms of ID, you must supply a federal taxpayer identification number issued by the IRS as proof of identification.
- 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 received ophthalmic education from a credentialed school/program, you must have your school mail an official transcript directly to the board office.
- Proof of one of the following:
 - **Current** ophthalmic dispensing license (copies of license and certificate provided by licensing body **AND** complete license verification form). If you are sending proof of licensure, you must include a copy of the current licensing requirements for the issuing state.
 - **OR** proof of five or more years of experience as an optician in an unlicensed state/territory (detailed in a work history report/resumé).
- Three reference letters/emails sent 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. Please have your references place any emailed information in the body of the email, rather than as an attachment.

Licensing Certifications (must be current)

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

Please note: If you do not currently hold the Advanced or Practical Certifications of the ABO/NCLE, you may 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-website) exam is issued electronically by email once all other licensing requirements have been met. The laws and regulations governing Nevada licensure can be found on the [Board's website](#).