

Nevada Board of Dispensing Opticians

Proposed Regulations (Conceptual)

10-9-2025

Application Requirements/Policies

- An incomplete application will expire 1 year after the initial date of submission and the applicant will be required to submit a new application, including any supporting materials
- Previous experience credit for apprentices
 - Prior experience must have been earned within the past 5 years
 - Clarify NRS with respect to time served as an apprentice
 - Clarify policy on prior experience credit for non-apprentices

Adjustments of Fees

- Increase initial license fee for opticians
- Increase renewal fees

Review and Approval/Denial of Apprentice Education Programs

- AAS degree programs must be accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA)
- Specify number of hours/credits required for each listed subject
- Specify topics that should be covered under each subject
- Require schools to provide transcripts that include credit hours for AAS or certificate/home-study programs
- Allow board members and/or staff/contractors to review programs
- Specify schools and/or applicants must submit Board-provided application and all required documentation

Standards of Practice

- Creation of work orders
 - A work order, whether in paper or digital format, must include the name of the optician who created the order, the optician who performed the final inspection, and the optician who performed the final fitting and/or dispensed the product to the customer.
 - An electronic system for the creation of work orders must include password-only access for the optician; opticians are prohibited from sharing passwords
- Internet sales
 - Optician who is dispensing order must have access to original prescription; a copy of the prescription is acceptable
- Polycarbonate lenses for children
 - A parent/guardian must sign a release form if non-polycarbonate lenses are dispensed to persons under the age of 18