

TITLE 14
LEGISLATIVE RULES
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

SERIES 8
LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

Title 14-8-1. General.

8.1. Scope—This rule establishes requirements of the West Virginia Board of Optometry for licensure by endorsement for doctors of optometry.

8.2. Authority. W. Va. Code 30-8-5(c)

8.3. Filing Date

8.4. Effective Date

14.8.2. Requirements for licensure by endorsement.

8.2.1. An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:

8.2.2. Hold a current optometry license in good standing from another state that required an examination for licensure;

8.2.3. Have proof submitted directly from the optometry board in each state where he or she currently holds a license that it is in good standing and from each state where he or she has held a license that it was in good standing at the time the license was not renewed; and

8.2.4. Pay the fees established by the Board's rule 14CSR5.

14-8.3 Application for licensure by endorsement.

8.3.1. Unless waived by the Board, an applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:

8.3.2. Apply for the highest level of therapeutic licensure in this state;

8.3.3. Be current in the continuing education requirements of his or her current states of licensure;

- 8.3.4. Have engaged in the active practice of optometry (or on the faculty of a school or college of optometry or in active federal service) for at least five (5) of the seven (7) years immediately preceding his or her application;
- 8.3.5. Have not committed any act that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this WV Code 30-8-5 or rules of the Board; and
- 8.3.6. Have a current copy of his or her record from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity & Protection Data Bank (HIP-DB) submitted directly to the Board; and
- 8.3.7. Not be subject to any unresolved disciplinary action;

8.4. Examination for licensure by endorsement.

- 8.4.1 The applicant shall:
- 8.4.2 Submit to an oral examination and interview as considered necessary by the Board at a time and place as prescribed by the Board; and
- 8.4.3. Pass a West Virginia optometry law examination as required by the Board to be given at times and places prescribed by the Board.
- 8.4.4. The Board will not consider an applicant for licensure by endorsement in the state of West Virginia if he or she has failed the West Virginia Optometry Board Examination within ten (10) years preceding the date on which the application for endorsement is filed.