

**TITLE 14
PROCEDURAL RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

SERIES 6
EXAMINATION AND SCORING POLICY**

§14-6-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes the procedures that shall be followed in the preparation, administration, and scoring of the examination(s) of The West Virginia Board of Optometry.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§30-8-1 et seq.

1.3. Filing Date. -- .

1.4. Effective Date. -- .

§14-6-2. Third Party Administered Exam

2.1. The Board may choose to have the West Virginia examination administered by a third party organization. Such exam shall be prepared, administered, and graded by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry or its successor or other nationally recognized optometric organization as approved by the Board.

2.2. If the Board chooses to have a third party organization administer the West Virginia exam, the procedures of the third party organization shall be used to administer the exam. The Board shall approve all questions in the third party examination.

§14-6-2 3. Anonymity.

The identity of the examinee shall be strictly protected throughout the testing process.

23.1. After the candidates have arrived, the Secretary or his designee shall have each examinee draw a piece of paper that contains a unique number. This number shall be used during the testing procedure to ensure anonymity of the examinee.

23.2. The Secretary, as an added safeguard, shall place the examinee's unique number in a sealed envelope along with the examinee's 7-digit telephone number.

23.3. At the beginning of any video-recorded oral examination, the examinee shall state his or her unique number. The examiners shall question the applicant on any and all topics necessary to evaluate the candidate's competency to practice optometry.

23.4. After the scores have been determined and averaged, the Secretary shall then open the envelope and match the applicants' numbers with their names.

§14-6-3 4. Preparation.

34.1. The President of the West Virginia Board of Optometry shall appoint members to an Examination Committee consisting of two or more Board members (including the Secretary) to prepare examinations deemed appropriate to test those subject areas necessary to ensure the safe practice of optometry.

34.2. Each board member shall prepare questions for the examination(s). The ~~examiner~~ member shall print each question and follow it with the correct response.

§14-6-4 5. Grading.

45.1. The number of points achieved by each examinee for all questions divided by the total number of possible points, expressed as a percentage, shall be the score reported to the Secretary.

§14-6-5 6. Pass-Fail Scoring.

56.1. Scores recorded by each participating

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member of the board shall be tabulated and averaged for each examinee. Candidates shall pass the Board examination if they successfully achieve a ~~75%~~ 70% average for the examination.