

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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West Virginia welcomes all applicants for licensure. The application requirements are listed below. Please call the Board Office for additional information at 304-558-5901.

West Virginia Application Requirements

1. Applications are due **no later than 30 days before** a Board Interview.
2. The traditional dates for the interview are the second Saturday in February and the second Saturday in July. Additional dates may be available. Please call the Board Office for more information, 304-558-5901 about six weeks before the dates mentioned above. The exam may be given on a date that is different from the traditional dates.
3. The application may be downloaded and printed from www.wvbo.org.
4. All information requested in the application must be completed.
5. The application must be notarized.
6. Applications may be mailed to the Board at 179 Summers Street, #231, Charleston, WV 25301.
7. A birth certificate must accompany the application.
8. Two 2" x 2" photos of you must be submitted with the application. One will be affixed to your application. The other will be affixed to your license certificate should you meet all requirements for licensure.
9. Certified transcripts from both undergraduate and optometry schools must be sent directly to the Board.
10. Your NBEO scores must be sent to the Board.
11. You must take and pass the ISE section of the NBEO exam to be eligible for licensure in West Virginia.
12. You must take and pass the West Virginia Online State Law Examination before sitting for a license interview. It is available on the NBEO website at www.optometry.org. The test is an open book test. You may study for the exam by going to our website under "Laws and Rules."
13. You must obtain a personal FBI criminal background check from www.identogo.com. Take note that the WV Board of Optometry does not have a registered account with Identogo. You must apply for a personal criminal background check and send it to the Board.

Reciprocity Applications

An optometrist who is licensed in a different state from West Virginia and has practiced for five out of the last seven years may be eligible for license by reciprocity. Rule 14-8 on reciprocity is posted on the website. You must apply for the highest level of prescriptive authority which is injection administration. There are different rules for injection administration for those who graduate from optometry school before 2011 and those who graduated in 2011 or thereafter. Check rule 14-11 at www.wvbo.org or call the Board for clarification.

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