

## **WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

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### **WV OPTOMETRY LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS – updated June 2024**

West Virginia welcomes all applicants for licensure. Please call the Board Office for additional information at 304-558-5901.

#### West Virginia Application Requirements

1. Contact the WVBO office to inquire about beginning the online application process.
2. Applications are due no later than 30 days before a Board Interview.
3. Traditional interview dates for license applicants occur in February, May, July and October. Additional dates may be available. Please call the Board Office for more information about upcoming dates.
4. Certified transcripts from both undergraduate and optometry schools must be sent directly to the Board.
5. NBEO scores must be sent directly to the Board.
6. You must take and pass the ISE section of the NBEO exam to be eligible for licensure in West Virginia.
7. 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](http://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.”
8. Background checks are required – please contact the WVBO for additional information regarding this requirement.

#### 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](http://www.wvbo.org) or call the Board for clarification.