

IC 25-24-2

Chapter 2. Further Licensing Requirements – Establishment of Training Program and Special Fee

IC 25-24-2-1

Minimum requirements; disciplinary action in another state

Sec. 1. (a) The minimum requirements which must be fulfilled before an applicant will be permitted to take an examination for a license to practice optometry in Indiana are as follows:

- (1) Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) Applicant must not have a conviction for:
 - (A) an act which would constitute a ground for disciplinary sanction under IC 25-1-9; or
 - (B) a crime that has a direct bearing on the applicant's ability to practice competently.
- (3) Applicant must be a graduate of a commissioned high school.
- (4) Applicant must be a graduate from a college of optometry under one (1) of the following conditions:
 - (A) Graduation prior to March 5, 1951, or attendance at or matriculation in a college of optometry whose requirements for graduation were equivalent to those required by the Indiana state board of registration and examination in optometry at the time of such matriculation.
 - (B) Two (2) years of preoptometry or two (2) years of premedicine in a college of arts and science whose credits will be accepted by a university having a college or school of optometry, and at least four (4) years of optometry in a college of optometry using university standards.

(b) The board may not issue a license to an applicant who has been disciplined by the licensing entity of another state or jurisdiction, if it appears to the satisfaction of the board that the disciplinary action taken against the applicant by the licensing entity of the other state or jurisdiction was warranted due to the applicant's inability to practice optometry without endangering the public.

(Formerly: Acts 1951, c.190, s.1; Acts 1972, P.L.187, SEC.2; Acts 1973, P.L.252, SEC.11.) As amended by Acts 1981, P.L.222, SEC.183; Acts 1982, P.L.113, SEC.63; P.L.169-1985, SEC.85; P.L.152-1988, SEC.20.

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Program for training optometrists

Sec. 2. There is hereby created a program for the training of optometrists at Indiana University, said program to be established by the trustees of said University and to be effective when adequate funds for the establishment of said program are made available by the optometrists of the state of Indiana through the Indiana Optometric Association, Inc., or otherwise.

(Formerly: Acts 1951, c.190, s.2.)

IC 25-24-2-3**Additional fees for university support**

Sec. 3. In addition to the biennial licensure fee provided for by IC 25-24-1-1, each licensed optometrist, at the time of payment of the biennial licensure fee each even-numbered year, shall pay to the Indiana professional licensing agency an additional fee of thirty-four dollars (\$34), which shall be deposited in an optometry school account of the state general fund, and all such fees so deposited shall, before the following July 2, be paid to Indiana University to be used by it for the advancement of optometrical research and the maintenance and support of the department in which the science of optometry is taught at the university. A sufficient amount to pay the same is appropriated annually out of such account in the general fund of the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Formerly: Acts 1951, c.190, s.3.) As amended by Acts 1977, P.L.172, SEC.41; Acts 1981, P.L.229, SEC.3; Acts 1981, P.L.222, SEC.184; P.L.169-1985, SEC.86; P.L.1-2006, SEC.460.