



Changes to the Opticians Examination Process

Both the written and practical portions of the opticians examination are a computer based test (CBT). The examinations are administered by Prometric, a vendor of the American Board of Opticianry/National Contact Lens Examiners (ABO/NCLE). **Please note: All applicants must first apply to and be approved by the Board before they are able to take all examination(s). This includes the written and practical portions of both the ABO/NCLE exams. This is a change.**

Applying for Licensure- Apply for licensure (by exam) by submitting an [Opticians Examination & License Application](#) or [Contact Lens Endorsement Application](#) by the deadline. Application deadlines are listed on the Board's [website](#).

Approval and Scheduling to Test- The department will mail a letter after the Board approves you to sit for the examination(s). ABO/NCLE will then contact you directly via email.

NEW CBT Written Examination Process – You must apply to the Board prior to sitting for the ABO/NCLE written exam. **This is a change.** You will receive a letter from the department informing you of your approval to take the written exam. An email from ABO/NCLE will also be sent within two weeks of the application deadline. The email from ABO/NCLE will detail the next steps for registering to take your exam(s).

NEW CBT Practical Examination Process – You must apply to the Board prior to sitting for the ABO/NCLE practical exam. The practical exam is administered by Prometric, a vendor of the ABO/NCLE. The practical exam will no longer be administered here at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR).

You will receive a letter from the department informing you of your approval to take the practical exam. An email from ABO/NCLE will also be sent within two weeks of the application deadline. The email from ABO/NCLE will detail the next steps for registering to take your exam(s).