

Chapter 48. Board of Examiners in Optometry.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not underlined.)

12 AAC 48 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 48.035. Military courtesy license. (a) The board may issue a temporary military courtesy license to the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States to practice optometry, with the prescriptive authority as described in AS 08.72.272, to an applicant who meets the requirements of AS 08.01.063 and this section.

(b) An applicant for a temporary military courtesy license under this section shall submit

(1) a completed application on a form provided by the department;

(2) the licensing fees established in 12 AAC 02.300; and

(3) the completed Alaska State Optometry Law Examination required in

12 AAC 48.015(a)(3).

(c) In addition to the requirements of (b) of this section, an applicant for a license under this section shall arrange for and ensure the submission of the documentation required under 12 AAC 48.020(c).

(d) A temporary military courtesy license issued under this section is valid for 180 days. For good cause shown to the board's satisfaction, the board may extend a temporary military courtesy license for a period not to exceed 180 days.

(e) While practicing under a temporary military courtesy license issued under this section, the holder of the temporary military courtesy license must comply with the standards of practice set out in AS 08.72 and this chapter, and is subject to discipline for actions taken or omitted while practicing under the military courtesy license. (Eff. ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.01.063 AS 08.72.110 AS 08.72.272
AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.170

12 AAC 48.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(b) The following continuing education courses, if related to the practice of optometry, are accepted by the board for renewal of a license to practice optometry:

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(6) educational courses offered by the American Academy of Optometry

(AAO).

Eff. 4/24/71, Register 37; am 2/10/83, Register 85; am 2/16/89, Register 109; am 11/2/2002, Register 164; am 12/31/2005, Register 176; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.181