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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jun Maiquis
Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

FROM: Scott Meriwether, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
465.4081

DATE: October 31, 2017

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Examiners in Optometry

Board of Examiners in Optometry regulations re: license by examination, examinations, and renewal requirements (12 AAC 48.011(a)(2); 12 AAC 48.015(a)(1); 12 AAC 48.210(d))

Attorney General File:	JU2017200426
Regulation Filed:	10/30/2017
Effective Date:	11/29/2017
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cc with enclosures: Linda Miller, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

The attached two pages of regulations, dealing with license by examination, examinations, and renewal requirements, are hereby certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Examiners in Optometry adopted at its August 23, 2017 teleconference meeting, under the authority of AS 08.72.050, AS 08.72.110, AS 08.72.140, AS 08.72.150, AS 08.72.160, AS 08.72.170, AS 08.72.181, and AS 08.72.272 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Board of Examiners in Optometry paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

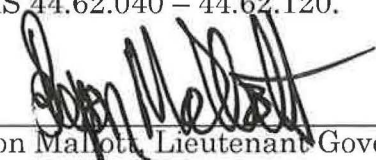
The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 8-23-2017
Anchorage, Alaska


Paul M. Barney, O.D., Chair
Board of Examiners in Optometry

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on October 30, 2017 at 330p .m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.


Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: November 29, 2017

Register: 224, January 2018

Chapter 48. Board of Examiners in Optometry.

12 AAC 48.011(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) documentation showing that the applicant has passed, not earlier than the four years immediately preceding the date of application, all parts of the examinations required in

12 AAC 48.015(a)(1) and (2) [12 AAC 48.015(1) AND (2)] sent directly to the department from

the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO); if the applicant has graduated in

accordance with (a)(3) of this section [ONE OR MORE PARTS OF THE EXAMINATION

WAS PASSED BY THE APPLICANT] two years or more before the date of the application, the

applicant must provide verification of the completion of 36 hours of approved continuing

education taken not earlier than the two years immediately preceding the date of application, in

ocular pathology or pharmacology that meets the requirements of 12 AAC 48.210(b);

(Eff. 2/26/89, Register 109; am 3/20/93, Register 125; am 4/14/95, Register 134; am 10/11/95,

Register 136; am 4/24/97, Register 142; am 7/20/97, Register 143; am 11/2/2002, Register 164;

am 9/17/2003, Register 167; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am

12/2/2012, Register 204; am 11/29/2017, Register 224)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.150 AS 08.72.170

AS 08.72.110 AS 08.72.160 AS 08.72.272

AS 08.72.140

12 AAC 48.015(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) not earlier than four years immediately preceding the date of application, parts

I, II, and III of the written and practical examination, and the Injections Skill Examination

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(ISE), offered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) with a minimum passing score as determined by the NBEO;

(Eff. 6/14/80, Register 74; am 4/22/83, Register 86; am 2/26/89, Register 109; am 3/20/93, Register 125; am 4/24/97, Register 142; am 11/2/2002, Register 164; am 9/17/2003, Register 167; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am 12/2/2012, Register 204; am 11/29/2017, Register 224)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.160

The introductory language of 12 AAC 48.210(d) is amended to read:

(d) An applicant for renewal of an optometry license must **document successful completion** [SUBMIT OFFICIAL VERIFICATION OF HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED], not earlier than the four years immediately before the date of application for renewal

...

(Eff. 4/24/71, Register 37; am 2/10/83, Register 85; am 2/26/89, Register 109; am 3/20/93, Register 125; am 11/2/2002, Register 164; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am 12/2/2012, Register 204; am 11/29/2017, Register 224)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.181 AS 08.72.272