

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

Chapter 48. Board of Examiners in Optometry.

12 AAC 48.015(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Alaska State Optometry Law Examination is an open book examination. The **department will provide electronic** examination and study materials **to an approved applicant and will notify an applicant when material is available using the electronic mail address provided on the applicant's completed application. A completed electronic examination must be submitted to the department within 30 days after the department sends the electronic mail message, as shown by the date-stamp on the message. At an applicant's request, or if an electronic mail address is not provided by the applicant, examination and study materials** will be mailed directly to **the** [EACH] applicant. **An examination completed by mail** [COMPLETED EXAMINATIONS] must be returned to the department within 30 days after mailing, as shown by the postmark dates. (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 225; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.160

12 AAC 48.022(c) is amended to read:

(c) A restricted license issued under (a) or (b) of this section may be renewed under the same conditions that apply to other licenses issued under AS 08.72, **and upon successful completion of the applicable continuing education required under 12 AAC 48.200 and 12 AAC 48.210** [EXCEPT THAT

(1) THE HOLDER OF A RESTRICTED LICENSE UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF AS 08.72.181(d)(1) AND (2);

(2) THE HOLDER OF A RESTRICTED LICENSE UNDER (b) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF AS 08.72.181(d)(2)].

(Eff. 10/16/2011, Register 200; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.170 [SLA 2010]
AS 08.72.110 [SEC. 8, CH. 27] AS 08.72.181
AS 08.72.150

12 AAC 48.200(a) is amended to read:

(a) In order to be approved by the board, an applicant for renewal of a license must pay the appropriate renewal fee and submit **documentation** [EVIDENCE] of completing continuing education courses, related to the practice of optometry, as specified in (b) or (c) of this section within the two-year renewal period as specified in 12 AAC 48.210.

(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 4/30/2015, Register 214; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.181

12 AAC 48.330(d) is amended to read:

(d) **An** [No] optometrist may **only** represent **themselves** [himself or herself] as a specialist **if they are currently** [IN AN OPTOMETRIC FIELD UNLESS THE OPTOMETRIST IS] certified **as a**

(1) [AS A] diplomate of the American Academy of Optometry [IN CONTACT LENSES, BINOCULAR VISION, GERIATRIC CARE, OR LOW VISION]; [OR]

(2) [AS A] fellow of the College of **Optometrists in** Vision Development [IN VISION TRAINING OR DEVELOPMENTAL VISION]; **or**

(3) fellow of the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association.

(In effect before 7/28/59; am 9/10/65, Register 21; am 4/24/71, Register 37; am 2/14/78, Register 65; am 7/6/78, Register 67; am 6/14/80, Register 74; am 8/8/84, Register 91; am 3/12/86, Register 97; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.72.050 [AS 08.72.060(b)] AS 08.72.240

AS 08.72.060

12 AAC 48.900(b)(1) and (2) are amended to read:

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(1) the required **fee** [FEES] established in [12 AAC 02.105 AND] 12 AAC 02.300; and

(2) **evidence** [DOCUMENTATION] that all continuing education requirements of 12 AAC 48.200 – 12 AAC 48.220 have been met.

12 AAC 48.900(c)(2) is amended to read:

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(2) the [FEES] required **fee established in** [BY 12 AAC 02.105 AND] 12 AAC

02.300 for the entire period the license has been lapsed;

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(Eff. 2/10/83, Register 85; am 2/26/89, Register 109; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am

____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.100 AS 08.72.050 AS 08.72.181

12 AAC 48.920(a)(2) is amended to read:

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(2) [SOFT] contact lenses, the

(A) base curve **or appropriate designation;**

(B) diameter **when appropriate;**

(C) power;

(D) manufacturer;

(E) **lens brand;** [TINT, IF INDICATED; AND]

(F) **material, if applicable;** [EXPIRATION DATE; AND]

(G) center thickness, if applicable; and

(H) expiration date;

12 AAC 48.920(a)(3) is repealed:

(3) **repealed** ____/____/____ [RIGID CONTACT LENSES, THE

(A) MATERIAL;

(B) BASE CURVE;

(C) POWER;

(D) DIAMETER;

- (E) CENTER THICKNESS;
- (F) OPTICAL ZONE DIAMETER;
- (G) PERIPHERAL CURVES;
- (H) TINT, IF INDICATED; AND
- (I) EXPIRATION DATE].

12 AAC 48.920(b) is amended to read:

(b) The expiration date under (a)(2) [AND (3)] of this **section** [SUBSECTION] may not be less than one year from the issue date of the prescription, unless the prescriber determines the ocular health of the patient requires an expiration date of less than one year. (Eff. 3/12/86, Register 97; am 10/11/95, Register 136; am 12/31/2005, Register 176; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.72.050

12 AAC 48.990(b) is repealed:

(b) **Repealed** ____/____/_____. [IN AS 08.72.272(a)(2), “PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP” MEANS THAT

(1) A PERSON, OR SOMEONE ON THE PERSON’S BEHALF, HAS SOUGHT OPTOMETRIC EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT OF THE PERSON;

(2) THE OPTOMETRIST HAS ACCEPTED THE PERSON AS A PATIENT AND CONDUCTED AN OPTOMETRIC EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION OF THE PATIENT; AND

(3) THE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OPTOMETRIST AND THE PATIENT HAS NOT BEEN TERMINATED.] (In effect before 7/28/59; am 9/10/65,

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Register 21; am 4/24/71, Register 37; am 2/14/78, Register 65; am 6/14/80, Register 74; am
3/12/86, Register 97; am 3/20/93, Register 125; am 4/14/95, Register 134; am 4/11/2008,
Register 186; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.72.050