

(a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive the examination requirements of this title for an individual who is licensed to practice optometry in any other state.

(b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

(1) Pays the application fee required by the Board under § 10-303 of this subtitle;

(2) Provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

(i) Meets the qualifications otherwise required by this title, INCLUDING, FOR ~~5~~ 3 YEARS BEFORE APPLYING, THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE THE OTHER STATE IN WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN PRACTICING OPTOMETRY, OR, IF THE OTHER STATE DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT, THE APPLICANT SHALL MEET THE EQUIVALENT OF 3 YEARS OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE IN COURSES APPROVED BY THE BOARD; [and]

(II) MEETS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHES IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

[(ii)-~~1~~ ~~{###}~~ Became licensed in the other state after passing in that or any other state an examination that ~~is~~ is similar to the examination for which the applicant is seeking the waiver;]

~~1~~-(III) AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT WAS LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE, WAS QUALIFIED TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION THAT THEN WAS REQUIRED BY THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; AND

~~2~~-(IV) QUALIFIED FOR A LICENSE IN THE OTHER STATE BY PASSING AN EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY IN THAT STATE.

(3) Presents a copy of the license, certified by the issuing board; and

(4) Previously has not failed an examination given by the Board.

(C) (1) THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR AN APPLICANT WHO:

(I) IF SO REQUIRED BY THE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, PASSES A CLINICAL AN EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD; AND

(II) FOR ~~5~~ 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE APPLYING, HAS PRACTICED OPTOMETRY ACTIVELY.