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## OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DPA/TPA CERTIFICATION FOR OPTOMETRISTS WHO HELD A WISCONSIN LICENSE PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, 2006

Wisconsin law permits optometrists who meet certain requirements to use diagnostic/therapeutic pharmaceutical agents.

**DPA/TPA CERTIFICATION IS A PROCEDURE SEPARATE FROM THAT PERTAINING TO LICENSURE FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. YOU MUST APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION IN WISCONSIN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE DPA/TPA CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE.**

**IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR DPA CERTIFICATION, FOLLOW THOSE INSTRUCTIONS ONLY.**

**IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR TPA CERTIFICATION, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING BOTH THE DPA AND TPA REQUIREMENTS.**

**IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR TPA CERTIFICATION AND ALREADY ARE DPA CERTIFIED, THEN ONLY COMPLETE THE APPLICATION REFERRING TO TPA CERTIFICATION.**

## DPA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. An applicant for DPA certification must request **A LETTER** from the optometry college of graduation, which is accredited by the American Council on Optometric Education and approved by the Wisconsin Optometry Examining Board, listing the following information:
1. successful completion of 60 classroom hours in general and ocular pharmacology, 30 hours of which must have been in ocular pharmacology, emphasizing the systemic effects and treatment for adverse reactions;
  2. the classroom hours must have been 50-60 minute periods of lecture, group discussion and/or laboratory, associated with the course;
  3. your graduation date;
  4. the title or position of the college official; and
  5. the school seal.
- B. In addition to the classroom requirement, the following supporting documentation of successful completion of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) must be forwarded to the board office:
1. Applicants who took the NBEO exam prior to 1988: verification of successful completion of Part II, Section 9 with a minimum score of 75;
  2. Applicants who took the NBEO exam after 1988 and prior to 1994: verification of successful completion of Part II, Clinical Pharmacology with a minimum score of 75;

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3. Applicants who apply for a certificate after April 1, 1994: verification of successful completion of Parts I and II administered after 1986; or
4. Successful completion of a postgraduate DPA course and exam approved by the Wisconsin Optometry Examining Board and sponsored by an accredited optometry college.

If you have taken the Wisconsin licensure examination recently, your scores will be on file and will not have to be resubmitted.

## **TPA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants for TPA certification must be DPA-certified (or applying for both with this application) and also must have **successfully completed** one of the following requirements:

1. graduates prior to 1987: verification of 100-hour board-approved post-graduate course and exam given by course provider since January 1, 1987 **OR** 100-hour board-approved post-graduate course and the IAB or TMOD exam;
2. graduates between 1987-1991: verification of TMOD or IAB/NBEO exam **OR** successful completion of a 100-hour board-approved post-graduate course and exam given by course provider; or,
3. graduates from 1992 to present: TMOD or NBEO exam.

Proof of completion of one of the above-listed items must be submitted for TPA certification.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DPA/TPA CERTIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY FROM THE INSTITUTIONS. DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE APPLICANT.**

Complete and submit the Adverse Drug Referral Plan (Form #1161).