



OPTICIANRY EXAMINATION INFORMATION SHEET

The electronically posted grade report is your official notification of your recent Opticianry examination.

FAILING CANDIDATES

Candidates who fail any part of the Florida examination will have to take the national examination starting in 2012.

The Board of Opticianry voted earlier this year to adopt a new state board licensure examination that will replace the current exam as of January 2012. The new examination was developed by the National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) based upon their years of research and surveys on the required competencies of opticians from member state licensing boards.

One part of the exam will test for competencies and knowledge of optics and dispensing skills and the other part will test contact lenses and their fitting. Each part is designed to be two hours in length. The computer based exam will test for multiple skill competencies including the computer simulation of a variety of spectacle and contact lens tasks.

There will be a reduction in the examination fee. The exam will be administered in certified testing facilities in various cities around the state of Florida on a date and in a location scheduled by the exam candidate. In addition to cost savings and an increased accessibility to exam candidates, Florida law requires all state regulatory boards to adopt the profession's national exam, if one is available.

Please note that this is ALL of the information we have at this time. The Board of Opticianry is meeting on November 4, 2011 and will be discussing the examination and necessary rule changes to implement this new exam. Within two weeks following the November meeting, additional information will be posted to our website at www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/opticianry.

Please see the Practitioner Reporting & Examination Services webpage for information describing informal review and formal hearing procedures provided to candidates who fail an examination.

If you have any questions concerning your examination results, you may contact Practitioner Reporting & Examination at (850) 245-4252. Questions concerning your eligibility for the next examination should be directed to the Board of Opticianry at (850) 245-4444 Ext. 3457.



Rick Scott
Governor

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If you prefer to correspond with the Board of Opticianry, you may do so. The address is as follows:

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It was our pleasure to serve you in the recent examination process.