

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY POLICY STATEMENT ON INJECTABLE CERTIFICATION AND  
LICENSURE

Adopted by the Board of Optometry on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018, and amended on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2019.

All new applicants for licensure must complete parts one (1), two (2), and three (3) of the NBEO exam, as well as the Injections Skills Exam (ISE) by the NBEO. However, the Board recognizes that there are optometrists who may have been licensed in other states prior to the inclusion of the Injectable Skills Exam (ISE) of the NBEO exam.

When an optometrist whose initial date of licensure was prior to 2012 applies for a Tennessee license, the Board may waive the Injectable Skills Exam (ISE) requirement upon a demonstration of the applicant's clinical competency in the use of injectables. This clinical competency may be demonstrated through provision of transcripts or other documentary proof that injectable certification was obtained while the applicant was in optometry school, or that such certification was obtained through a course offered by a provider recognized by the Board.

This waiver is available only to applicants who were initially licensed prior to the inclusion of the injectable Skills Exam of the NBEO exam on 8/1/2012.