

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
POLICY STATEMENT ON INJECTABLE CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

All new applicants for licensure must complete parts one (1), two (2), and three (3) of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry® (NBEO) examination, unless granted a waiver in accordance with Rule 1045-02-.03(5), as well as the Injections Skill Examination (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 Injections Skill Examination of the NBEO examination.

When an Optometrist whose initial date of licensure was prior to 2012 applies for a Tennessee optometry license, the Board may waive the Injections Skill Examination 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 of successful completion of injectable training to include didactic and in vivo wet lab experiences. The Board recognizes a letter of successful completion which shall include a course outline from an American Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) accredited school or college of optometry as approved documentation.

This waiver is available only to applicants who were initially licensed prior to the inclusion of the Injections Skill Examination of the NBEO exam on August 1, 2012.

Additionally, any Optometrist wishing to reinstate their license due to a lapsed license or bring a license out of retirement shall be treated as an applicant for licensure in accordance with Rule 1045-02-.04 and shall be required to be successfully trained in injectables. This clinical competency may be demonstrated through provision of transcripts or other documentary proof of successful completion of injectable training to include didactic and in vivo wet lab experiences. The Board recognizes a letter of successful completion which shall include a course outline from an American Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) accredited school or college of optometry as approved documentation prior to being reinstated.

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