

1 21 NCAC 42B .0107 is amended with changes as published in 28:13 NCR 1503 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 42B .0107 NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATIONS**

4 (a) Each applicant must submit evidence of having reached the recommended levels of acceptable performance on
5 the National Board examinations given by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry on or after the April,
6 April 1978 administration in one of the following formats and under the following conditions prior to Board
7 approval of his application to take the clinical practicum examination administered by the Board and shall authorize
8 Board. The applicant shall authorize the release of his or her official score report by the National Board to the
9 Board prior to the approval by the Board of his or her application to take the clinical practicum examination.

- 10 (1) April, April 1978 through August, August 1986 administrations: passing scores on Parts I,
11 IIA, and IIB, with scores of not less than 75 in Section 7 (Pathology) and Section 9
12 (Pharmacology) on the Part IIB examination, and a score of not less than 75 on the National
13 Board's Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease : ~~("TMOD")~~ (TMOD) examination.
- 14 (2) April, April 1987 through August, August 1992 administrations: passing scores on the Part I
15 Basic Science (BS) examination and Part II Clinical Science (CS) examination of the National
16 Board, with scores of not less than 75 on the Ocular Disease/Trauma and Clinical
17 Pharmacology sections of the ~~PART Part II Clinical Science (CS)~~ CS examination, and a
18 score of not less than 75 on the ~~National Board's Treatment and Management of Ocular~~
19 ~~Disease (TMOD)- TMOD~~ TMOD examination.
- 20 (3) April, April 1993 through ~~December, December 2008; 2008 administrations:~~ passing score on
21 the Part I ~~Basic Science BS~~ BS Examination of the National Board.
- 22 (4) April, April 1993 through ~~April, April 2009; 2009 administrations:~~ passing score on the Part
23 II ~~Clinical Science CS~~ CS Examination of the National Board, with a score of not less than 75 on
24 the Ocular Disease/Trauma component within the ~~Clinical Science CS~~ CS examination, and a
25 score of not less than 75 on either the TMOD component within the ~~Clinical Science CS~~
26 examination, or on the equivalent stand-alone TMOD examination.
- 27 (5) March, March 2009 ~~administrations and thereafter;~~ through November 2009 administrations:
28 passing score on Part I Applied Basic Science (ABS) examination of the National Board.
- 29 (6) ~~December, December~~ 2009 ~~administrations and thereafter;~~ through February 2010
30 administrations: passing score on Part II Patient Assessment and Management (PAM)
31 examination of the National Board, with a score of not less than 75 on the Disease/Trauma
32 component within the ~~Patient Assessment and Management (PAM)~~ PAM examination, and a
33 score of not less than 75 on the TMOD component within the ~~Patient Assessment and~~
34 ~~Management (PAM)- PAM.~~
- 35 (7) March, March 2010 ~~administrations and thereafter;~~ through February 2014 administrations:
36 passing score on the Part III Clinical Skills Examination (CSE) of the National Board.

1 (8) May 1, 2014 administrations through March 2015 administrations: passing score on Part III
2 Injection Skills Examination (ISE) of the National Board.

3 (9) Beginning with March 2015 administrations: all applicants must have passed must have a
4 passing score on Part III ~~Clinical Skills Examination (CSE)- CSE~~ with a score of not less than
5 75 %—on the Skills of gonioscopy, binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy and slit lamp
6 biomicroscopy, and a passing score on Part III ~~Injection Skills Examination (ISE)ISE~~ of the
7 National Board.

8 (b) For candidates with passing scores on at least one National Board examination part under different formats and
9 time periods described in (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), and (a)(5) of this Rule, the following equivalences shall apply:

10 (1) Part I and IIA is the equivalent of Basic Science- BS;

11 (2) Part IIB is the equivalent of Clinical Science CS without the inclusion of TMOD; TMOD;

12 (3) Part I Applied Basic Science (ABS) ABS is the equivalent of Part I Basic Science- BS; and

13 (4) Part II Patient Assessment and Management (PAM) PAM is the equivalent of Part II Clinical
14 Science- CS.

15 ~~(e) For those candidates taking the National Board examinations under any of the examination formats dating back~~
16 ~~to April 1978 and prior to March 2009, old Part III (Patient Care) will not be required.~~

17 *History Note:*

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