

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: NC State Board of Examiners in Optometry

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 42B .0107

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: April , 2026**

***PLEASE NOTE: This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.***

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Line 1 says this Rule was readopted “with changes” as published in the Register. What changes were made to the published version?*

*In Paragraph (a), will the “passing score as determined by the NBOE” vary or does it remain a fixed score for each National Board Examination?*

*In Paragraph (a) (1), the applicant is required to achieve passing scores on Parts I and II of the National Board Examination “as offered in the calendar year the applicant graduated from an accredited school”. What does “as offered in the calendar year” mean? Please clarify.*

*In Paragraphs (a)(2) through (4), is the applicant only required to achieve passing scores for the listed examinations “if offered in the calendar year the applicant graduated”? Please elucidate the practical differences of using “as offered” vs. “is offered”.*

*In Paragraph (b), capitalize “clinical practicum examination” if referring to a specific examination.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Submitted on March 23, 2026

1 21 NCAC 42B .0107 is readopted with changes as published in 40:13 NCR 1096-1098 as follows:

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

4 (a) Each applicant shall direct the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) to release his or her official  
5 score report to the Board as evidence of having achieved a passing score as determined by the NBEO on:

6 (1) ~~Parts I, II, and III~~ I and II of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Examinations  
7 ~~if as~~ offered in the calendar year the applicant graduated from an accredited school or college of  
8 optometry;

9 (2) NBEO's Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease Examination if offered in the calendar year  
10 the applicant graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry; ~~and~~

11 ~~(3) Part III of the NBEO's Clinical Skills Examination if offered in the calendar year the applicant~~  
12 ~~graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry;~~

13 ~~(4) Part III of the NBEO's Patient Encounters Examination if offered in the calendar year the applicant~~  
14 ~~graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry; and~~

15 ~~(5)~~ NBEO's Injection Skills Examination.

16 (b) The applicant shall authorize the release of his or her official NBEO score report to the Board prior to the approval  
17 by the Board of his or her application to take the North Carolina clinical practicum examination.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-117.5; 90-118;*

20 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

21 *Readopted Eff. May 30, 1978;*

22 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2014; April 1, 2011; July 1, 1998; May 1, 1995; April 1, 1993; June 1, 1989;*  
23 *September 30, 1981;*

24 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 23,*  
25 *2015;*

26 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2023; May 1, 2026*