

21 NCAC 42A .0101 is readopted as published in 41:02 NCR 226 as follows:

21 NCAC 42A .0101 CONTACTING THE BOARD

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21 NCAC 42A .0105 is readopted as published in 41:02 NCR 226-227 as follows:

21 NCAC 42A .0105 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to 21 NCAC 42 only:

- (1) The term "Board" refers to the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- (2) The term "President" refers to the President of the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- (3) The term "Secretary" refers to the Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- (4) The term "Executive Director" refers to the Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

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21 NCAC 42B .0108 is readopted as published in 41:01 NCR 227 as follows:

21 NCAC 42B .0108 CLINICAL PRACTICUM EXAMINATIONS

(a) Each applicant, after paying the fee set in Subchapter 42J and having met the requirements of Rule .0107 of this Subchapter, will be given clinical practicum examinations which may be in oral, written, clinical and practical form, said examinations to cover those subjects essential to the practice of optometry as defined in G.S. 90-114.

(b) To ensure proper examination of all applicants within a reasonable amount of time, the Board is authorized to employ clinical examiners, such clinical examiners to be licensed optometrists in the State of North Carolina who have been in practice no less than five years and who have demonstrated to their peers that they have superior clinical expertise.

(c) It shall be the duty of the optometrists who are members of the Board to prepare or oversee the preparation of the clinical practicum examinations. Psychometric consultants, subject matter experts and clinicians external to the Board or those who have served as either members of the Board or as clinical examiners for the Board may be engaged by the Board in the design, implementation and grading of the examinations.

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21 NCAC 42B .0110 is readopted as published in 41:02 NCR 227-228 as follows:

21 NCAC 42B .0110 PASSING SCORE

An applicant must attain an average grade of 75 on the clinical practicum examinations to pass the examination and be issued a license. No applicant who has received a grade of less than 60 on any part of the clinical practicum examination shall be considered eligible for licensure even though ~~his~~ his/her overall clinical practicum score may average 75. Each applicant will be notified by the Executive Director as to ~~his~~ his/her success or failure after the results of the examination have been determined by the Board.

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

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21 NCAC 42B .0112 is readopted as published in 41:02 NCR 228 as follows:

21 NCAC 42B .0112 TIME AND LOCATION

There shall be at least one examination for the purpose of licensure held each year for those persons applying for a license to practice optometry in the State of North Carolina. Said examination shall be at such time and location as the Board may determine; provided, however, the date and place of examination shall be announced by the Board no less than six months prior to the examination.

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

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1 21 NCAC 42B .0305 is readopted as published in 41:02 NCR 228-229 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 42B .0305 SUSPENSION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS**

4 In the event the Board's authority to expend funds is suspended pursuant to Session Law 2009-125, the Board shall
5 continue to issue and renew licenses and all fees tendered shall be placed in an escrow account maintained by the
6 Board for this purpose. Once the Board's authority is restored, the funds shall be moved from the escrow account into
7 the general operating account.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93B-2(b);*

10 *Eff. April 1, 2011; November 1, 2026*

11 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 23,*
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1 21 NCAC 42C .0105 is readopted as published in 41:02 NCR 229 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 42C .0105 ANNUAL RENEWAL**

4 A certificate of registration for a professional corporation or professional limited liability company must be renewed
5 on or before December 31. The required renewal fee must accompany the application.

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 55B-11; 57C-2-01; 90-117.5;*

8 *Eff. February 1, 1976; November 1, 2026*

9 *Readopted Eff. May 30, 197*

10 *Amended Eff. October 1, 1994; June 1, 1989;*

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