

21 NCAC 42D .0102 is adopted with changes as published in 37:22 NCR 2129-2130 as follows:

**21 NCAC 42D .0102      ~~FUNCTION~~ PARAOPTOMETRIC PERSONNEL**

(a) For the purposes of this Rule, "paraoptometric personnel" means ~~an optometric assistant, optometric technician, or similarly titled position~~ personnel who qualifies by training and experience to perform duties of an administrative, technical, or clinical nature and is directed and supervised by a licensed optometrist. Paraoptometric personnel who wish ~~or need~~ to become certified as optometric assistants or optometric technicians must be certified by the American Optometric Association and maintain such certification.

(b) Paraoptometric personnel shall perform his or her functions within the scope of his or her training, as directed by and assigned by an optometrist, so long as those functions are at the specific direction and under the supervision of the licensee. The Board may require that paraoptometric personnel be certified in environments where supervision is limited.

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