BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

INSTRUCTIONS/CHECKLIST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF AN EXPIRED LICENSE

BEFORE YOU PROCEED, READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY:

- **Laws and Regulations**: The Virginia laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of optometry may be viewed at www.dhp.virginia.gov/Optometry/. The application requires an attestation to having read the applicable laws and regulations;
- **Application documentation from source**: Required documentation must be submitted directly from the source of the information by postal mail, email or fax. The applicant is responsible for notifying the source to submit required documentation. Additional forms for licensure and employment verification are attached;
- **Application processing:** Please allow 21 business days from initial mailing for board staff to receive and process an application. An initial email will be forwarded that provides a list of any missing application documentation;
- **Application and Fee:** An application fee of $400.00 is required; make check or money order payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia." Application and fee must be submitted together. **All fees are nonrefundable**;
- **Initial license reinstatement expiration dates:** Please refer to the license for expiration date.
- **Retention of Application Documents:** Applicant documentation (includes exam scores) is maintained for one year and then destroyed;
- **Board Communication:** The Board's preferred method of communication with applicants or licensees is via email; and

You may qualify for reinstatement of licensure if you meet the requirements below and submit the required documentation:

- Completed *CE Audit Form* and documentation of continuing competency hours (copies of completed certificates) equal to the requirement for the number of years, not to exceed two years (20 hours per year), in which the license has been lapsed;
- License verification of all licenses ever held, including expired, in another jurisdiction of the U.S. or its territories and District of Columbia.
- Submission of reinstatement fee of $400.00, check or money order, made payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia."

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APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF AN OPTOMETRY LICENSURE

Full Name (Please Print or Type)

Last	First	Middle Initial

Have you ever been known by any other name? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, state, in full, every name by which you have been known, the reason therefore, and dates so used. If the name stated above does not match name on required documentation, a copy of court order or marriage certificate is required.

Other Names:

Public Address for Disclosure	City	State	Zip Code	Telephone No.

Address of Record (Mailing Address)	City	State	Zip Code	Phone No.
				☐ Cell ☐ Phone

ADDRESS: Virginia law allows persons regulated by boards within the Department of Health Professions to provide an alternative address for public disclosure if they want their address of record to remain confidential, used only for agency purposes. Health professionals may choose to provide a work address, a post office box, or a home address as the public address. If an alternative public address is not provided, the address of record will also be used as the public address and may be disclosed if specifically requested. Addresses of individuals **are not posted** on the "License Lookup" program available through the board's website.

*Social Security No. or Virginia DMV No.	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Email Address to Receive Board Communication

List OETracker Number:

	YES	NO
Are you active-duty military?	☐	☐
Are you the spouse of a member of the U.S. military who has been transferred to Virginia and who had to leave employment to accompany your spouse to Virginia?	☐	☐

Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Professional Degree(s)	School	State

*In accordance with §54.1-116 Code of Virginia, you are required to submit your Social Security Number or your control number** issued by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. If you fail to do so, the processing of your application will be suspended and fees will not be refunded. This number will be used by the Department of Health Professions for identification and will not be disclosed for other purposes except as provided by law. Federal and state law requires that this number be shared with other state agencies for child support enforcement activities. In order to obtain a Virginia driver's license control number, it is necessary to appear in person at an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Virginia. A fee and disclosure to DMV of your Social Security Number will be required to obtain this number.

APPLICANTS DO NOT USE SPACES BELOW THIS LINE – FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPLICANT #	FEE	RECEIPT #	LICENSE #	ISSUE DATE

1. Have you been actively engaged in the practice of optometry prior to seeking reinstatement of licensure in Virginia?	YES ☐	NO ☐
2. Have you completed the continuing education requirements for the period in which the license was lapsed, not to exceed two years?	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐

3. List all professional practice in reverse chronological order. A resume or CV is acceptable.

Begin Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Employer/City/State/Phone	Type of Practice

4. List all jurisdictions (U.S. or its territories, District of Columbia) in which you have ever held a license, including expired, to practice optometry. If more space is needed, please record on separate paper.

Jurisdiction	License #	Issue Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Years of Practice	License Status (expired/active/inactive/revoked/suspended)

QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED. If any of the following questions (5-11) are answered **yes**, explain and substantiate with documentation. Letters must be submitted by your attorney regarding malpractice suits.

Question		
5. Have you ever been convicted of a violation of, or pled Nolo Contendere to, any federal, state or local statute, regulation or ordinance, or entered into any plea bargaining relating to a felony or misdemeanor, to include convictions for driving under the influence (DUI) and excludes traffic violations. Attach your original criminal history record, a certified copy of any final order, decree, or case decision by a court or regulatory agency with lawful authority to issue such order, decree, or case decision and any other information you wish to be considered with your application (i.e. information on the status of incarceration, parole, or probation, reference letters, etc.).	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐
6. Within the past five years, have you exhibited any conduct or behavior that could call into question your ability to practice in a competent and professional manner? (A) Please provide a full explanation (use separate paper). (B) Within the past five years, have you sought or been directed to seek treatment for your conduct or behavior? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐
7. Within the past five years, have you been disciplined by any entity? (A) Please provide a full explanation and any associated orders or letters from the entity (use separate paper). (B) Within the past five years, have you sought or been directed to seek treatment for your conduct or behavior? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐
8. Do you currently have any physical condition or impairment that affects or limits your ability to perform any of the obligations and responsibilities of professional practice in a safe and competent manner? “Currently” means recently enough so that the condition could reasonably have an impact on your ability to function as a practicing optometrist. If yes, please provide a full explanation (use separate page). (NOTE: The Board may request a letter from your current treatment provider addressing your current condition and ability to safely practice. You may consider providing this documentation with your application, or have your provider send this documentation directly to the Board.)	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐

9. Do you currently have any mental health condition or impairment that affects or limits your ability to perform any of the obligations and responsibilities of professional practice in a safe and competent manner? "Currently" means recently enough so that the condition could reasonably have an impact on your ability to function as a practicing optometrist. If yes, please provide a full explanation (use separate page). (NOTE: The Board may request a letter from your current treatment provider addressing your current condition and ability to safely practice. You may consider providing this documentation with your application, or have your provider send this documentation directly to the Board.)	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐
10. Do you currently have any condition or impairment related to alcohol or other substance use that affects or limits your ability to perform any of the obligations and responsibilities of professional practice in a safe and competent manner? "Currently" means recently enough so that the condition could reasonably have an impact on your ability to function as a practicing optometrist. If yes, please provide a full explanation (use separate page). (NOTE: The Board may request a letter from your current treatment provider addressing your current condition and ability to safely practice. You may consider providing this documentation with your application, or have your provider send this documentation directly to the Board.)	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐
11. Within the past five 5 years, have any conditions or restrictions been imposed upon you or your practice to avoid disciplinary action by any entity? If yes, please provide a full explanation (use separate page). (NOTE: The Board may request a letter from your current treatment provider addressing your current condition and ability to safely practice. You may consider providing this documentation with your application, or have your provider send this documentation directly to the Board.)	**YES** ☐	**NO** ☐

12. AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I have carefully read the laws and regulations related to the practice of optometry. I hereby agree to abide by and remain current with the applicable laws and regulations which are available on www.dhp.virginia.gov.

I certify by entering my signature below: I am the person applying for licensure/certification/registration and meet the qualifications required by Virginia law and regulations. Further, I certify the information provided in this application has been personally provided and reviewed by me, and that statements made on the application are true and complete. I understand that providing false or misleading information, as well as omitting information, in response to information requested in this application or as part of the application process are considered falsification of the application and may be grounds for denial of or taking disciplinary action against an existing license/certificate/registration.

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Signature of Applicant

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LICENSURE VERIFICATION FORM

TO THE APPLICANT – **List name and license number in top section only and forward to all jurisdictions (U.S. States or Territories and Washington, D.C.) in which you have ever been issued a license to practice as an optometrist.**

Applicant Full Name:	**License Number:**

STATE LICENSURE BOARD OR REGULATORY AGENCY – The person listed above is applying for a license to practice as an optometrist in Virginia. The Virginia Board of Optometry requests that the form be completed by each jurisdiction in which he/she holds or has ever held a license/certificate. Please complete the form and return it to the address listed above.

State/Commonwealth of:

Licensee Name:	Issued Date:

License/Certification Number:

Licensed/Certified Through (check one):

☐ National Examination (NBEO) ☐ State Board Examination ☐ NERCOATS

☐ Reciprocity/Endorsement from another U.S. State or Territory (Name of State) ______________________________

Certified to use Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents	☐ Yes	☐ No
Certified to use Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents	☐ Yes	☐ No

Status of License is: ☐ Active ☐ Current Inactive ☐ Revoked ☐ Suspended

☐ Expired/Lapsed Expiration Date ________________

Has the applicant's license/certificate ever been suspended or revoked?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Has there been any disciplinary history? If yes to any of the questions, please provide all information available under your state's freedom of information statutes.	☐ Yes	☐ No

Is continuing education required for renewal? ☐ Yes ☐ No	If so, how many hours are required?

Comments, if any:

BOARD SEAL

______________________________ Signed

______________ Date

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EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION – To be completed by applicant. Please type or print.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Other Names Used

I hereby authorize the release of employment verification to the Virginia Board of Optometry.

Signature:	Date:

EMPLOYER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE – To be completed by employer or authorized representative and mailed directly to the Board. The individual named above is applying for licensure as an Optometrist in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please verify the employment history and status of this individual. In lieu of completion of this form, an employer may send a letter confirming requested information.

Employer's Business or Organization Name:

Type of Business:

Business Address:

Phone:	Email Address:

Employee's Name	Employee's Position Title

Employment Begin Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Employment Status

Provide all practice locations and dates of employment. If more space is required, list on separate paper.

Practice Locations	Dates of Employment

Print Name	Signature and Date