WAC 246-849-210 Ocularist apprentices. A person seeking an initial ocularist license must complete a ten thousand hour ocularist apprenticeship to sit for the ocularist examination. An apprentice must register with the department before starting ocularist training. Training hours completed prior to registration will not count toward the required ten thousand hours necessary to sit for the examination. The maximum number of hours an apprentice can accumulate per year is two thousand hours.

(1) To apply for registration an applicant must submit to the department:

(a) An application on a form provided by the secretary;

(b) The registration fee specified in WAC 246-849-990.

(2) An additional application form and registration fee are required if the apprentice receives training from more than one supervisor or if the apprentice changes supervisors. Training hours with a new supervisor shall not commence until the application has been approved by the secretary and a new license has been issued to the applicant by the department.

(3) The primary supervisor and registered apprentice shall maintain a record of all apprenticeship hours on an apprenticeship log form provided by the department. This record shall be verified by initial of both the primary supervisor and apprentice and shall be available upon request by the secretary, or the secretary's designee.

(4) A registered apprentice must notify the department in writing if the apprenticeship training is terminated, unless the termination is due to apprentice licensure. Apprenticeship termination can be submitted on the training certificate form provided by the department.

(5) The apprentice registration along with the name, business address, and business telephone number of the apprentice's primary supervisor shall be posted in public view on the premises where the apprentice works.

(6) Once registered, the apprentice may receive training and accumulate training hours under the direct supervision of a licensed ocularist.

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