

WAC 246-851-490 Examination and licensure. To qualify for licensure in this state a candidate must:

(1) Successfully complete Parts I, II, and III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examinations; the Part III having been administered and successfully completed after January 1, 1993.

(2) Applicants who completed the NBEO Part II examination prior to January 1, 1993, must successfully complete the International Association of Examiners in Optometry (IAB) examination in treatment and management of ocular disease.

(3) Be a graduate of a state accredited high school or equivalent.

(4) Be a graduate of a school or college of optometry accredited by the Council on Optometric Education of the American Optometric Association and approved by the Washington state board of optometry.

(5) Be of good moral character.

(6) Effective January 1, 2007, all applicants who receive their initial (first) license in Washington state must meet all the certification requirements of RCW 18.53.010 (2)(a), (b), (c), and (d).

(7) Effective January 1, 2009, all optometrists licensed in Washington state must be certified under RCW 18.53.010 (2)(a) and (b).

(8) Effective January 1, 2011, all optometrists licensed in Washington state must be certified under RCW 18.53.010 (2)(a), (b), (c), and (d).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.54.070 and 18.130.077. WSR 24-23-045, s 246-851-490, filed 11/14/24, effective 12/15/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.54.070(2). WSR 06-22-104, § 246-851-490, filed 11/1/06, effective 12/2/06; WSR 96-20-087, § 246-851-490, filed 10/1/96, effective 11/1/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.54.070. WSR 95-14-114, § 246-851-490, filed 6/30/95, effective 7/31/95; WSR 92-20-019 (Order 305B), § 246-851-490, filed 9/25/92, effective 10/26/92; WSR 92-06-030 (Order 248B), § 246-851-490, filed 2/26/92, effective 3/28/92.]