

Attach a clear, full-face passport-style photograph (2"x 2") of your head and shoulders, taken within the past six months.

A photograph is required with each application.

Do not use staples to attach the photograph.



**New Jersey Office of the Attorney General**  
Division of Consumer Affairs  
State Board of Examiners of  
Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians  
124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 45011  
Newark, New Jersey 07101  
(973) 504-6435

The applicant should check one of the boxes listed below.

- Temporary Ophthalmic Dispenser.....\$210.00
- Apprentice Ophthalmic Dispenser.....\$300.00
- Temporary Ophthalmic Technician.....\$210.00
- Apprentice Ophthalmic Technician.....\$100.00

## Application for Registration as a Temporary or Apprentice Ophthalmic Dispenser or Ophthalmic Technician

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A nonrefundable application filing fee of \$100 in the form of a check or money order made out to the State of New Jersey, must be submitted with this application for a permit. (Applicants should understand that if the application filing fee is paid with a personal check, and the check is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds, the next step in the process that must be followed to obtain a permit will be delayed until the fee is paid.) An additional fee (see box above for amount) must be sent to cover the cost of registering in one of the titles listed above. This fee is refundable if you are deemed to be ineligible for licensure or registration.

The Division is precluded by law from disclosing to the public the place of residence of licensees or applicants, without their consent. However, you are required to provide an address that may be released to the public in our directories or in response to other requests (by putting a check in the appropriate box). If you provide your place of residence as your public address of record, we will assume that you have consented to have that address be disclosed. If you do not consent to the disclosure of your place of residence, you should provide an address of record other than your place of residence that may be released to the public. One of your addresses must include a street, city, state and ZIP code.

Information that you provide on this application may be subject to public disclosure as required by the Open Public Records Act (OPRA).

**Please print clearly. You must answer all of the questions on this application.**

### Personal Information

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

1. Name  Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Ms. Last name First name Middle initial Maiden name

### 2. Address

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State ZIP code County

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number (include area code) E-mail address

Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of company Telephone number (include area code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP code County

Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State ZIP code County

3. Social Security Number

You **must** provide your Social Security number to the Board or Committee. Failure to do so will result in denial/nonrenewal of licensure or certification.

\*Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

\*Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:50-24 et seq. of the New Jersey taxation law, N.J.S.A. 2A:17-56.44e of the New Jersey Child Support Enforcement Law, Section 1128E(b)(2)A of the Social Security Act and 45 C.F.R. 60.7,60.8 and 60.9, the Board or Committee is required to obtain your Social Security number. Pursuant to these authorities, the Board or Committee is also obligated to provide your Social Security number to:

- a. the Director of Taxation to assist in the administration and enforcement of any tax law, including for the purpose of reviewing compliance with State tax law and updating and correcting tax records;
- b. the Probation Division or any other agency responsible for child support enforcement, upon request; and
- c. the National Practitioner Data Bank and the H.I.P. Data Bank, when reporting adverse actions relating to health care professionals.

4. Citizenship / Immigration Status

Federal law limits the issuance or renewal of professional or occupational licenses or certificates to U.S. citizens or qualified aliens. To comply with this federal law, check the appropriate box below which indicates your citizenship/immigration status. If you are not a U.S. citizen, attach a copy of your alien registration card (front and back) or other documentation issued by the office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

- U.S. citizen
- Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in U.S.
- Other immigration status

Questions about your immigration status and whether or not it is a qualifying status under federal law should be directed to the USCIS at: 1-800-375-5283.

5. Student Loan

Are you in default in regard to any student loan obligation(s)?  Yes  No

If "Yes," you must obtain documentary evidence that you have reached an arrangement with the bank or with the entity that issued your student loan, for the eventual payment of the loan. You will not be able to obtain a license or permit unless you provide the required documents concerning the plan for payment of your student loan.

6. Child Support

Please certify, under penalty of perjury, the following:

- a. Do you currently have a child-support obligation?  Yes  No
  - (1) If "Yes," are you in arrears in payment of said obligation?  Yes  No
  - (2) If "Yes," does the arrearage match or exceed the total amount payable for the past six months?  Yes  No
- b. Have you failed to provide any court-ordered health insurance coverage during the past six months?  Yes  No
- c. Have you failed to respond to a subpoena relating to either a paternity or child-support proceeding?  Yes  No
- d. Are you the subject of a child-support-related arrest warrant?  Yes  No

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:17-56.44d, an answer of "Yes" to any of the questions a(1) through d will result in a denial of licensure or registration. Furthermore, any false certification of the above may subject you to a penalty, including, but not limited to, immediate revocation or suspension of licensure or registration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 7. Medical Conditions Questions

Questions a through f pertain to medical conditions and use of chemical substances. Please read the definitions carefully. Your responses will be treated confidentially and retained separately. Please be aware that you have the right to elect not to answer those portions of the following questions which inquire as to the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances or activity if you have reasonable cause to believe that answering may expose you to the possibility of criminal prosecution. In that event, you may assert the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Any claim of Fifth Amendment privilege must be made in good faith. If you choose to assert the Fifth Amendment, you must do so in writing. You must fully respond to all other questions on the application. Your application for licensure or registration will be processed if you claim the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. You should be aware, however, that you may later be directed by the Attorney General to answer a question that you have refused to answer on the basis of the Fifth Amendment, provided that the Attorney General first grants you immunity afforded by statutory law. (N.J.S.A. 45:1-20.)

For the purposes of these questions, the following phrases or words have the following meanings:

**“Ability to practice as an ophthalmic dispenser or technician”** is to be construed to include all of the following:

- The cognitive capacity to exercise reasonable ophthalmic care judgments and to learn and keep abreast of professional developments; and
- The ability to communicate those judgments and related information to customers and other interested parties, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as voice amplifiers; and
- The physical capability to perform the duties of an ophthalmic dispenser or technician, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as corrective lenses or hearing aids.

**“Medical Condition”** includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, H.I.V. disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction and alcoholism.

**“Chemical substance”** is to be construed to include alcohol, drugs or medications, including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for legitimate medical purposes and in accordance with the prescriber’s direction, as well as those used illegally.

**“Currently”** does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the use of drugs may have an ongoing impact on one’s functioning as a licensee, or within the previous two years.

**“Illegal use of controlled dangerous substance”** means the use of a controlled dangerous substance obtained illegally (e.g. heroin or cocaine) as well as the use of controlled dangerous substances which are not obtained pursuant to a valid prescription or not taken in accordance with the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

- Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety?  Yes  No
- Are the limitations or impairments caused by your medical condition reduced or ameliorated because you receive ongoing treatment (with or without medications) or participate in a monitoring program\*\*?  Yes  No  Not applicable
- Are the limitations or impairments caused by your medical condition reduced or ameliorated because of the field of practice, the setting or manner in which you have chosen to practice?  Yes  No  Not applicable
- Does your use of chemical substance(s) in any way impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety?  Yes  No  Not applicable
- Have you ever been diagnosed as having or have you ever been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism or voyeurism?  Yes  No
- Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances? (Recall that “currently” is defined as “within the last two years.”)  Yes  No

If you answered “Yes” to question f, are you currently participating in a supervised rehabilitation program or professional assistance program which monitors you in order to assure that you are not engaging in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances?  Yes  No

\*\* If you receive such ongoing treatment or participate in such a monitoring program, the Board will make an individualized assessment of the nature, the severity and the duration of the risks associated with an ongoing medical condition so as to determine whether an unrestricted license or permit should be issued, whether conditions should be imposed or whether you are not eligible for licensure or registration.

8. Have you ever been summoned; arrested; taken into custody; indicted; tried; charged with; admitted into pre-trial intervention (P.T.I.); or pled guilty to any violation of law, ordinance, felony, misdemeanor or disorderly persons offense, in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? (Parking or speeding violations need not be disclosed, but motor vehicle violations such as driving while impaired or intoxicated must be.)  Yes  No

9. Have you ever been convicted of any crime or offense under any circumstances? This includes, but is not limited to, a plea of guilty, non vult, nolo contendere, no contest, or a finding of guilt by a judge or jury.  Yes  No

If "Yes," provide a copy of the judgment of conviction and the release from parole or probation. Please provide a complete explanation. (Attach additional sheets of paper to this application.)

10. Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, a professional license, certificate or permit of **any** kind in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

If "Yes," for each license, certificate or permit held, provide the date(s) held and the number(s). If the license or certificate was issued under a different name, please provide that name.

		Last name	First name	Middle initial
Type of license, certificate or permit	Number	State or jurisdiction that issued the license, certificate or permit		Date issued/expired
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11. Have you ever been disciplined or denied a professional license, certificate or permit of any kind in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

12. Have you ever had a professional license, certificate or permit of any type suspended, revoked or surrendered in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

13. Has any action (including the assessment of fines or other penalties) ever been taken against your professional practice by any agency or certification board in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

14. Have you ever been named as a defendant in any litigation related to any prior practice as an ophthalmic dispenser or technician, or other professional practice in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

15. Are you aware of any investigation pending against a professional license, certificate or permit issued to you by a professional board in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

16. Are there any criminal charges now pending against you in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

17. Have you ever been sanctioned by or is any action pending before any employer, association, society, or other professional group related to any prior practice as an ophthalmic dispenser or technician, or other professional practice in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

If the answer to any of the above questions, numbers 11 through 17, is "Yes," provide a complete explanation of the circumstances leading to the action, and any supporting documentation, on separate sheets of paper.

## Education

1. What is the name and address of the high school you attended? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of high school

\_\_\_\_\_

Street address City State ZIP code

2. What years did you attend high school? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you graduate from high school?  Yes  No

If "Yes," what was the date of your graduation? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach a copy of your diploma to this application.)  
Month Year

If "No," did you study to receive a G.E.D. certificate?  Yes  No

If "Yes," please provide the name and address of the educational institution that issued your G.E.D. certificate and the date the certificate was issued.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of educational institution

\_\_\_\_\_

Street address City State ZIP code

\_\_\_\_\_

Date certificate was issued

4. What is the name and address of the colleges or universities you have attended?

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of college or university

\_\_\_\_\_

Street address City State ZIP code

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of college or university

\_\_\_\_\_

Street address City State ZIP code

5. List all of the degrees that you have received from recognized colleges or universities. Please have each college or university forward to the Board the official transcript for each degree that you have earned.

<b>Educational institution</b>	<b>Inclusive years</b>	<b>Degree, Diploma or Certificate</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Date granted</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. Did you receive an Associate of Applied Science degree?  Yes  No

7. Did you complete a 30-credit program?  Yes  No

8. Please indicate below those optical courses that you have completed or are currently attending:

_____ Materials I	_____ Materials Lab I	_____ Dispensing I	_____ Dispensing Lab I
_____ Materials II	_____ Materials Lab II	_____ Dispensing II	_____ Dispensing Lab II
_____ Anatomy and Physiology of the Eye		_____ Theory (Principles of Optics)	
_____ Contact Lens Theory			

## Experience

1. Please document your work experience below and on the next page. Begin with your current or most recent experience in the optical field and then provide the relevant information concerning any other work experience as you work back in time, chronologically.

(a) Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State ZIP code

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code)

Title of your position: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Your major responsibilities (use additional sheets of paper if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year Month Year

Immediate supervisor's name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State ZIP code

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code)

Title of your position: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Your major responsibilities (use additional sheets of paper if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year Month Year

Immediate supervisor's name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State ZIP code

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code)

Title of your position: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Your major responsibilities (use additional sheets of paper if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year Month Year

Immediate supervisor's name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions to the employer and applicant

The applicant must file this application with the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians prior to applicant's entry upon employment.

This registration does not permit or empower the apprentice registered hereunder to practice as an Ophthalmic Dispenser or Ophthalmic Technician during the absence of the duly licensed preceptor under whose supervision he or she is registered.

Any apprentice who practices during the absence of the duly licensed preceptor under whose supervision the apprentice is registered may be considered to be practicing as a duly licensed Ophthalmic Dispenser or Ophthalmic Technician and, as such, may be liable to penalty as stipulated in N.J.S.A. 52:17B-41.18.

Persons may apprentice only in those establishments which have the following minimum optical equipment: one set of hand tools consisting of files, screwdrivers, pliers, hammers/anvils or hand press, reamers, taps, calipers and millimeter ruler; one automatic lens analyzer (lensometer, vertometer, or any other automatic electronic equipment to measure the power of a lens and lens clock); hand or automatic protractor for making up lenses; one colmascope or similar instrument, lens-hardening equipment, drop ball tester, one frame heater; one automatic edger and handfinishing stone; and one set of samples of frames and mountings, minimum 250, including zyl, rimless and metal rims.

This registration does not permit or empower any holder of a temporary or apprentice permit to represent to the public that he or she is an Ophthalmic Dispenser or Ophthalmic Technician duly licensed by the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians via examination.

Each applicant must enclose the prescribed fee in the form of a check or money order. The check should be made payable to the State of New Jersey.

## Personal recommendation and signature of two reputable citizens of New Jersey

This certifies that I have been personally acquainted with the applicant since the year indicated opposite of my name; that I have read the foregoing statements, which so far as known to me are correct; that I believe the applicant to be of good character and repute; and I hereby recommend the applicant to the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians as entirely worthy to be registered under an Ophthalmic Dispenser or Ophthalmic Technician permit.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Acquainted with applicant since: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State ZIP code

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Acquainted with applicant since: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State ZIP code

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All communications must be addressed to:

State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians  
P.O. Box 45011  
Newark, NJ 07101

## Statement of the employer

Name of establishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State ZIP code

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code)

Does the establishment have the minimum equipment stipulated in N.J.A.C. 13:33-2.1? (See the preceding page for instructions.)  
 Yes  No

Full name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of licensed person who will supervise apprentice applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

License number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minimum of 32 hours)

Names of employees currently employed under permits at this address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Affidavit of the employer

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

} ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, depose and say that I desire to  
(Employer's name-please print)  
register \_\_\_\_\_ under  
(Applicant's name-please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ an Apprentice Ophthalmic Dispenser Permit

\_\_\_\_\_ an Apprentice Ophthalmic Technician Permit

\_\_\_\_\_ a Temporary Ophthalmic Dispenser Permit

\_\_\_\_\_ a Temporary Ophthalmic Technician Permit

that I believe the applicant to be of good moral character and that the above answers and statements are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's signature

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Notary Public (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public



**Affidavit of the applicant**

**This affidavit is to be executed by the applicant before a notary public:**

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in making this application to the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians for licensure or registration under the provisions of Title 45 of the General Statutes of New Jersey and the Rules of the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians, swear (or affirm) that I am the applicant and that all information provided in connection with this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any omissions, inaccuracies or failure to make full disclosures may be deemed sufficient to deny licensure or registration or to withhold renewal of or suspend or revoke a license or permit issued by the Board.

I further swear (or affirm) that I have read N.J.S.A. 52:17B-41.1 et seq., together with the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians, N.J.A.C. 13:33-1.1 et seq., and fully understand that in receiving a license or permit from the Board, I bind myself to be governed by them.

Furthermore, I voluntarily consent to a thorough investigation of my present and past employment and other activities for the purpose of verifying my qualifications for licensure or registration. I further authorize all institutions, employers, agencies and all governmental agencies and instrumentalities (local, state, federal or foreign) to release any information, files or records requested by the Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Notary Public (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public



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Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Certified mailed: \_\_\_\_\_