GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF:
HEALTH BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

MAILING ADDRESS:
899 North Capitol Street, NE
First Floor
WASHINGTON. D.C. 20002

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION TO ADMINISTER THERAPEUTIC PHARMACEUTTICAL AGENTS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS

DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD THAT HE OR SHE;

Has either applied for licensure under this chapter as an optometrist or has been issued a license under this chapter as an optometrist;

If a graduate of an accredited school of optometry prior to July 1, 1992, has completed a Board approved Course consisting of a minimum of one hundred (100) clock hours in general and ocular pharmacology which meets the requirements of Section 207 of the act. D.C. Code 2-3302.7, and has arranged for the institution to transmit a certified transcript of the courses taken directly)' to the Board, and

Has passed the treatment and management of ocular disease (TMOD) section of the examination administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry and has arranged for the test results to be submitted directly to the Board.

NOTE: Continuing Education Credit for renewal of the TPA certification is six (6) hours of approved CE. relating to the TMOD. pursuant to section 6408 in the accompanying rules. This requirement is in addition to the CE requirement for renewal of the Optometry license under subsection 6406.4.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. All applicants for T.P.A. licensure must; complete an application form (enclosed)
2. Two (2) recent passport photographs measuring 2"x2"
3. A check or money order in the amount of $176.00 to the DC Treasurer;
4. Submit a current copy of your DC Licensed Optometrist Adding TPA unless you are submitting application for Optometry licensure; and
5. Contact the National Board of Examiners in Optometry at (301) 652-5192 to have your TMOD test results mailed directly to the Board.

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*The $ 176.00 T.P.A. - license fee.

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6. A clean hands form.

7. If you are a graduate of an approved school of optometry prior to JULY 1, 1992, you must arrange for your school to forward a transcript showing successful completion of a minimum of 160 hours in the TMOD.

PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The D.C. Board of Optometry is currently working with the Department of Health to clarify the prescriptive authority for controlled substances. At this time, no D.C. optometrist is permitted to prescribe controlled substances. The Board will be in contact with licensees when a final determination is made. If prescribing of controlled substances is approved. information will be forwarded regarding the registration procedure.

All application materials should be forwarded to:

Department of Health
Health Professional Licensing Administration
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