Dispensing Optician by Endorsement License Application Packet

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Important Social Security Number Information:
You are required by state and federal law to provide a social security number with your application. If you do not have a social security number at the time you send in this application, please read, complete, and return this form with your application.

A U.S. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or a Canadian Social Insurance Number (SIN) cannot be substituted.

In order to process your request:
Mail your application with initial documentation and your check or money order payable to:
Department of Health
P.O. Box 1099
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

Send other documents not sent with initial application to:
Dispensing Optician Credentialing
P.O. Box 47877
Olympia, WA 98504-7877

Contact us:
360-236-4700
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Application Instruction Checklist

Important background check Information: Washington State law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint-based background checks for licensing purposes. This check may be through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This may be required if you have lived in another state or if you have a criminal record in Washington State. This would be at your own expense.

All information should be printed clearly in blue or black ink. It is your responsibility to submit the required forms.

☐ Application Fee. (This fee is non-refundable). You can check the online fee page for current fees.

☐ Check if either apply:
  Request for Military Training and Experience Evaluation
  Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

☐ 1. Demographic Information:
  Social Security Number: You must list your social security number on your application. Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you do not have one.

  National Provider Identifier Number (NPI): The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

  Legal Name: List your full name: first, middle, and last.

  Definition of legal name: “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have the legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this application form, your application may be denied.

  Birth date: Provide the month, day and year of your birth.

  Address: List the address we should use to send any information about your license. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county and country. This will be your permanent address with Department of Health until we have been notified of a change. See WAC 246-12-310.

  Phone, Fax, and Cell Numbers: Enter your phone, fax, and cell numbers, if you have them.

  Email: Enter your email address, if you have one.

  Other Name(s): Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See WAC 246-12-300.
2. Personal Data Questions:
All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must also provide the documentation listed in the note after the question. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You can get copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.
- If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.
- Another jurisdiction means any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

3. Education:
List in date order all your educational preparation and post-graduate training. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

4. Experience:
List in date order all your experience and practice from date of graduation from professional college. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

5. Other license, Certification, or Registration:
List all states, including Washington, where credentials are or were held. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space. You must also print the Verification Form and provide it to each state or jurisdiction that you have listed, requesting that they complete and submit the form directly to the Department of Health.

6. Qualifications Attestation:
You must meet the Qualification Requirements. You must sign and date this application as proof of completion.

7. AIDS Education and Training Attestation:
Read the AIDS education and training attestation. AIDS training may include self-study, direct patient care, courses, or formal training. A minimum of four hours is required. Course content can be found at WAC 246-12-270. If AIDS education was included in your professional education or training, an additional course is not required.

8. Applicant’s Attestation:
You must sign and date this for us to process the application.
For Spouses and Registered Domestic Partners of Military Personnel Being Transferred or Stationed in Washington:

Under state law, if you are the spouse or state-registered domestic partner of a servicemember of any branch of the U.S. Military, to include Guard or Reserve, and are applying for a health care professional credential in this state, you may be eligible to have the processing of your application expedited to receive your credential more quickly.

Documents to submit with your application should include the following:

- A copy of your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s military transfer orders to Washington State.
- One of the following:
  - A copy of your marriage certificate to show proof of marriage; or
  - A copy of a state’s declaration or registration showing you are in a state registered domestic partnership with a member of the U.S. military.

For Current and Former Servicemembers Requesting Evaluation of Military Training and Experience

Under state law, your military education, training, and experience may count towards attaining certain civilian health care profession credentials in Washington State.

Submitted information will be reviewed by the Department of Health to determine substantial equivalency for meeting the credentialing requirements in this state.

Documents to submit with your health care professional credential application should include the following:

- If applicable, a copy of your DD214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, Member-4 or service 2 copy, or NGB-22 for National Guard.
  
  **Please note:**
  - A copy of your DD214 can be downloaded from the [EBenefits website](#).
  - You can request a replacement copy of your NGB-22 on the [National Archives website](#).

- Official Joint Service Transcript (JST) or Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Transcripts.
  
  **Please note:**
  - JST can be sent electronically by visiting the [JST website](#) and selecting Washington State Department of Health.
  - CCAF transcripts cannot be sent electronically. See the [CCAF website](#) for transcript information.

- Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) or DD Form 2586. See the [DoDTAP website](#).

- If applicable, application for the Evaluation of Learning Experiences During Military Service (DD Form 295). See the [Military Resources website](#).
License Requirements

A license to practice as a dispensing optician may be issued without examination to an individual who is currently licensed in another state that has licensing standards substantially equivalent to those in Washington State.

To qualify for licensing in Washington, an applicant must:

☐ Documentation from the state where the applicant is currently licensed to establish that the states licensing standards are substantially equivalent to the licensing standards in Washington State include:
  • A current copy of the law for each state(s) in which an applicant holds a license.
  • Detailed information on the content of the required licensing examinations.

☐ Documentation of completion of four clock hours of AIDS education as required in chapter 246-12 WAC part 8.

☐ Verification from all states where the applicant has ever held a license, whether active or inactive, indicating whether the applicant is or has been subject to charges or disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment. Form provided.
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Dispensing Optician by Endorsement Application

Please print clearly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit or request all required supporting documents be submitted. Failure to do so may result in a delay in processing your application.

Select if either apply:  
☐ Request for Military Training and Experience Evaluation
☐ Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

1. Demographic Information

Social Security Number (SSN)  
(If you do not have a SSN, see instructions)

National Provider Identifier Number (NPI)  
(Enter 10 digit number)

Name  
First  
Middle  
Last

Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address

City  
State  
Zip Code  
County

Country

Phone (enter 10 digit #)  
Fax (enter 10 digit #)  
Cell (enter 10 digit #)

Email address

Mailing address if different from above address of record

City  
State  
Zip Code  
County

Country

Note: The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the department.

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, list name(s):
1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.

“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, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

If you answered yes to question 1, explain:

1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.

The licensing authority may require you to undergo one or more mental, physical or psychological examination(s). This would be at your own expense. By submitting this application, you give consent to such an examination(s). You also agree the examination report(s) may be provided to the licensing authority. You waive all claims based on confidentiality or privileged communication. If you do not submit to a required examination(s) or provide the report(s) to the licensing authority, your application may be denied.

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.

“Currently” means within the past two years.

“Chemical substances” include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?

“Currently” means within the past two years.

Illegal use of controlled substances is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.

5. Have you ever been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction?

Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.

If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.

To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.
6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:
   a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend
      drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes? ................................. Yes No
   b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs? ................................................................. Yes No
   c. Violated any drug law? ........................................................................................................... Yes No
   d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself? ...................................................................... Yes No

7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule
   regulating the practice of a health care profession? If “yes”, please attach an explanation and
   provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements? ..................................................... Yes No

8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care
   profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .......... Yes No

9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to
   avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority? ............................................................... Yes No

10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence,
    negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession? ............... Yes No

11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department
    of Social and Health Services (DSHS)? .................................................................................... Yes No

### 3. Education

List in date order all your educational preparation. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

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### 4. Experience

List in date order all your experience and practice from date of graduation from professional college. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

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### 5. Other License, Certification, or Registration

List all states where licenses are or were held. Attach additional pages of you need more space.

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### 6. Qualifications and Training Attestation

I certify I have completed each of the requirements below.

- I am at least 18 years of age.
- I am of good moral character.

Applicant's Initials    Date

### 7. AIDS Education and Training Attestation

I certify I have completed the minimum of four hours of education in the prevention, transmission and treatment of AIDS, which included the topics of etiology and epidemiology, testing and counseling, infection control guidelines, clinical manifestations and treatment, legal and ethical issues to include confidentiality, and psychosocial issues to include special population considerations.

I understand I must maintain records documenting said education for two years and be prepared to submit those records to the department if requested. **I understand that should I provide any false information, my license may be denied, or if issued, suspended or revoked.** If AIDS education was included in your professional education or training, an additional course is not required.

Applicant's Initials    Date
8. Applicant’s Attestation

I, ___________________________, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read RCW 18.130.170 and RCW 18.130.180 of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read all laws and rules related to my profession.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state, local or foreign government agencies.

I understand I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated ________________________________ at _________________________________________________

(mm/dd/yyyy) (City/state)

By: ______________________________________________________________________________________

(Original signature of applicant)
RCW/WAC and Online Website Links

**RCW/WAC Links**
- Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130
- Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05
- Administrative Procedures and Requirements, WAC 246-12
- Dispensing Optician Law, RCW 18.34
- Dispensing Optician Rules, WAC 246-824

**Online**
- AIDS Training Resources, Reference Page
- Dispensing Optician Program, Web page