



OPTICIANS

Opticians prepare and dispense lenses, eyeglasses and contact lenses, based on the interpretation and adaptation of optical prescriptions. The preparation and dispensing includes all measurements and fitting to develop the specifications of the optical appliance, verification, delivery, adjustment and follow-up.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from a School of Opticianry recognized by the Opticians of Manitoba.

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

One year (2,000 hours) of practical training under the supervision of a licensed optician.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Step One

To be eligible to practice in Manitoba as an Optician the candidate must apply to the **Opticians of Manitoba (OOM)**. He/she must submit:

- completed application form; (available from OOM)
- original degree/transcript from the academic institution where training in opticianry was undertaken;
- complete course outlines from the academic institution;
- examination syllabus from the academic institution;
- examination syllabus from the licensing body in the jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed;
- notarized copy of the applicants license/certificate;
- letter from the foreign licensing body stating her/his licence is in good standing;
- detailed work history supported by documentation from employers; and
- names and addresses of two professional references.

*If documents are not in English or French, notarised translations are required.

Step Two

When OOM has received all of the documentation and approved the application, the candidate will be asked to write the *National Accreditation Committee of Opticians Examination – Eyeglasses*. (2006 fee is \$600) If the candidate is also trained in contact lens fitting, the candidate may apply to write the *National Accreditation Committee of Opticians Examination – Contact Lenses*. (2006 fee is \$600).

To be licensed as a Contact Lens Optician, candidates must successfully complete both of these examinations. The National Accreditation Committee of Opticians (NACO) administers the examinations in Manitoba twice each year. Examinations can usually be written in July and November.

When all requirements have been successfully met and the annual fees have been paid to OOM, the applicant will be registered to practice in the province of Manitoba.

For Opticians the registration fee is \$75 and the license fee is \$384. Candidates qualifying to register as Contact Lens Opticians must pay the registration fee of \$75 and a license fee of \$418.

All fees, documentation requirements, and assessment process detailed above are subject to change without notice.

For more detailed information please contact:

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