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NEW MEXICO  
REGULATION &  
LICENSING DEPARTMENT

**FROM: THE NEW MEXICO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

**TO: APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE**

**RE: APPLICATION/EXAMINATION/LICENSURE PROCEDURE  
EXAM SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES**

**DATE: April 11, 2024**

Welcome to the New Mexico Board of Optometry. Below is a link to the Board's statutes and rules, which contain all the information you need to complete your application for exam and licensure in New Mexico. The statutes and rules can be found at:

<https://www.srca.nm.gov/nmac-home/nmac-titles/title-16-occupational-and-professional-licensing/chapter-16-optometric-practitioners/>

Please see the Document Checklist to assist you in keeping track of the information you have uploaded to NMPlus. **The 2024 Board exam is scheduled Saturday, July 20, 2024.** Depending on the number of candidates, the exam may be administered Sunday as well.

**\*Documentation Deadlines.**

**Following are the application deadlines. Failure to provide any of the required information will result in the application being rejected as incomplete.**

**Letter of Intent, Application, Application Fee of \$175.00, and Exam Fee of \$400.00- Due on or**

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**before *May 16, 2024.***

**\* Remaining Documentation – Due no later than *June 10, 2024.***

Prerequisite Exam Requirement - See Board Rules Part 3 and 5.

Pharmaceutical Certification - See Board Rule Part 7.

Schedule Notification

ALL approved applicants will be scheduled for the exam and sent a letter notifying them of approval to sit for the exam.

## **Jurisprudence Exam Preparation**

The exam will be based on the statutes and rules located at: <https://www.srca.nm.gov/nmac-home/nmac-titles/title-16-occupational-and-professional-licensing/chapter-16-optometric-practitioners/>

Licensure

All candidates will be notified by email of the examination results. If the candidate has met all requirements, passes the Board's exam, and submits the licensure fee within 90 days of passing the exam, the candidate will be licensed to practice optometry in New Mexico.

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*Application and Deadline Schedule for Board of Optometry  
Exam on July 20, 2024*

Due Date	Day of the Week	Due In and Due out	Application & Communication Deadlines
5/16/2024 **	Thursday	<i>Due In Board Office</i>	Letter of Intent, Application and application *fee of \$175 due and Clinical Skills Exam **fee of \$400 due
5/24/2024	Friday	<i>Sent</i>	Application status notice sent to Applicant
6/10/2024 **	Monday		Required documentation deadline to complete application
6/20/2024	Thursday		Exam notice and Clinical Skills Exam entrance card sent to confirmed Licensing Applicant
7/20/2024	Saturday		<b>Clinical/Practicum Skills Examination for Optometry Licensure</b>
7/30/2024	Tuesday		Notice of pass/fail score results sent to Applicant <small>*Passed Candidates will be required to send in licensure fee of \$200 within 90 days of pass/fail results.</small>

*\* All fees are non-refundable*

**\*\* No post marks accepted on due date or thereafter. All documents must be received in the board office on or before the deadline.**

