

(a) Each applicant shall direct the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) to release his or her official score report to the Board as evidence of having achieved a passing score as determined by the NBEO on:

(1) ~~Parts I, II, and III~~ I and II of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Examinations ~~if as~~ offered in the calendar year the applicant graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry;

(2) NBEO's Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease Examination if offered in the calendar year the applicant graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry; ~~and~~

(3) Part III of the NBEO's Clinical Skills Examination if offered in the calendar year the applicant graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry;

(4) Part III of the NBEO's Patient Encounters Examination if offered in the calendar year the applicant graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry; and

~~(3)(5)~~ NBEO's Injection Skills Examination.

(b) The applicant shall authorize the release of his or her official NBEO score report to the Board prior to the approval by the Board of his or her application to take the North Carolina clinical practicum examination.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-117.5; 90-118;*

*Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 23, 2015;*

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(Reason for proposed amendments: The National Board of Examiners in Optometry changed their Part III examination, thus requiring this Board to modify the Rule.)

