Optometrist
Documentation Required for Licensure
Application and fee ($300). All application fees are nonrefundable.
Create an account, apply and pay online at: https://amanda-portal.idph.state.ia.us/ibpl/portal/

☐ Educational Requirement - Official transcripts conferring a doctoral degree from an accredited optometry college or university, sent directly to the Board office from the school. Foreign-trained applicants should contact the Board office for educational requirements.

☐ Examination Requirement - Evidence of passing all current NBEO examinations including the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease examination.

Applicants licensed in another state must also provide:

☐ Verification of license(s) held in any other state. The license verification must include license issue date, expiration date and any pending or past disciplinary action. The verification may be emailed from another state licensing board’s website to plpublic@idph.iowa.gov

☐ Examination Requirements - Evidence of successful completion of the NBEO examination that was current at the time of initial licensure. Evidence of a passing score for the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease examination.

☐ Verification of current competence to practice as an optometrist by satisfying one of the following criteria:

☐ Current CELMO certification; or

☐ Practice as an optometrist for a minimum of 2,080 hours during the preceding two-year period; or

☐ Employment as a faculty member teaching optometry in an accredited school of optometry for at least one academic year during the preceding two-year period; or

☐ Completion of a minimum of 50 hours of continuing education during the preceding two-year period; or

☐ Passing the NBEO examination during the preceding two-year period.