

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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Examination and Scoring Policy

Summary

The amendment brings §14-6 to into compliance with the passage of Senate Bill 230, W. Va. Code §30-8, passed during the 2010 Legislative Session.

- The amendment adds a provision that allows the Board to choose a Third Party Administrator to administer the West Virginia Exam. This is in compliance with Senate Bill 230.
- It also lowers the passing score to equal that of the National Board Exam.

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Circumstances

The amendment is written in order to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 230 passed during the 2010 Legislative Session rewriting the Board's enabling statute, W. Va. Code §30-8.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Examination and Scoring Policy, §14-6

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Board of Optometry

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Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

The amendment allows the Board to use a Third Party Administrator to administer the West Virginia Exam in compliance with Senate Bill 230.

The Board has no plans to use a third party administrator for at least the next year. Therefore there is no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Alterations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00

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3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):

Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

The amendment makes provision for the Board to use a Third Party Administrator administer the West Virginia Examination in compliance with Senate Bill 230.

The Board has no plan to use a Third Party Administrator in the next year. Therefore there is no fiscal impact of the amendment.

MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

Date: 6/25/10

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative



TITLE 14
PROCEDURAL RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SERIES 6
EXAMINATION AND SCORING POLICY

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SECRETARY OF STATE**§14-6-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes the procedures that shall be followed in the preparation, administration, and scoring of the examination(s) of The West Virginia Board of Optometry.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§30-8-1 et seq.

1.3. Filing Date. -- .

1.4. Effective Date. -- .

§14-6-2. Third Party Administered Exam

2.1. The Board may choose to have the West Virginia examination administered by a third party organization. Such exam shall be prepared, administered, and graded by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry or its successor or other nationally recognized optometric organization as approved by the Board.

2.2. If the Board chooses to have a third party organization administer the West Virginia exam, the procedures of the third party organization shall be used to administer the exam. The Board shall approve all questions in the third party examination.

§14-6-2 3. Anonymity.

The identity of the examinee shall be strictly protected throughout the testing process.

23.1. After the candidates have arrived, the Secretary or his designee shall have each examinee draw a piece of paper that contains a unique number. This number shall be used during the testing procedure to ensure anonymity of the examinee.

23.2. The Secretary, as an added safeguard, shall place the examinee's unique number in a sealed envelope along with the examinee's 7-digit telephone number.

23.3. At the beginning of any video-recorded oral examination, the examinee shall state his or her unique number. The examiners shall question the applicant on any and all topics necessary to evaluate the candidate's competency to practice optometry.

23.4. After the scores have been determined and averaged, the Secretary shall then open the envelope and match the applicants' numbers with their names.

§14-6-3 4. Preparation.

34.1. The President of the West Virginia Board of Optometry shall appoint members to an Examination Committee consisting of two or more Board members (including the Secretary) to prepare examinations deemed appropriate to test those subject areas necessary to ensure the safe practice of optometry.

34.2. Each board member shall prepare questions for the examination(s). The ~~examiner~~ member shall print each question and follow it with the correct response.

§14-6-4 5. Grading.

45.1. The number of points achieved by each examinee for all questions divided by the total number of possible points, expressed as a percentage, shall be the score reported to the Secretary.

§14-6-5 6. Pass-Fail Scoring.

56.1. Scores recorded by each participating

member of the board shall be tabulated and averaged for each examinee. Candidates shall pass the Board examination if they successfully achieve a ~~75%~~ 70% average for the examination.