

**645—180.2 (154) Requirements for licensure.**

**180.2(1)** The following criteria shall apply to licensure:

*a.* An applicant shall complete a board-approved application form. Application forms may be obtained from the board's Web site (<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>) or directly from the Board of Optometry, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

*b.* An applicant shall complete the application form according to the instructions contained in the application. If the application is not completed according to the instructions, the application will not be reviewed by the board.

*c.* An applicant shall submit the appropriate fees payable to the Board of Optometry. The fees are nonrefundable.

*d.* No application will be considered complete until official copies of academic transcripts sent directly to the board from an accredited school or college of optometry are received by the board and the applicant submits proof of satisfactory completion of all educational requirements contained in Iowa Code chapter 154.

*e.* An applicant shall pass all parts of the NBEO examination in effect at the time of application.

*f.* Licensees who were issued their licenses within six months prior to the renewal date shall not be required to renew their licenses until the renewal date two years later.

*g.* Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years shall be:

(1) Considered invalid and shall be destroyed; or

(2) Maintained upon written request of the candidate. The candidate is responsible for requesting that the file be maintained.

*h.* An applicant shall provide an official verification regarding the status of the applicant's license from the board of examiners in each state in which the applicant is currently or was formerly licensed.

**180.2(2)** An applicant for licensure to practice optometry in Iowa may only apply to become a therapeutically certified optometrist.