

**6500.2700 OPTOMETRIST EMERITUS REGISTRATION.**

Subpart 1. **Application.** Any optometrist duly licensed to practice optometry in Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.52 to 148.62, who declares that he or she is retired from active practice of optometry may apply to the board for emeritus registration on the annual license renewal form. To qualify, the optometrist must be retired and must not be subject to any disciplinary action or be subject to an order of the board imposing a suspended, conditional, or restricted license to practice optometry.

Subp. 2. **Status of registrant.** The emeritus registration is not a license that permits the registrant to practice optometry as defined in Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.52 to 148.62, and the rules of the board.

Subp. 3. **Continuing education.** The continuing education requirements of part 6500.3000 are not applicable to emeritus registration.

Subp. 4. **Change to active status.** The emeritus optometrist must:

A. apply to the board for reinstatement of his or her active license; and

B. comply with the continuing education requirements for the time period in which the license was in emeritus status. The continuing education requirements must be fulfilled prior to petitioning the board for reinstatement of license.

Subp. 5. **Renewal cycle.** Being registered as an emeritus optometrist will not subject the person to the annual license renewal cycle or renewal fee.

Each applicant who meets all requirements for registration as emeritus optometrist shall be issued a certificate. A replacement certificate may be issued by the board.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 16A.128; 145.714; 148.53; 214.06*

**History:** *11 SR 1793; 12 SR 1775; 43 SR 5*

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