WAC 246-824-040  **Licensure eligibility.**  To be eligible for licensure, applicants must:

1. Be eighteen years or more of age;
2. Graduate from an accredited high school or receive a general equivalency degree;
3. Complete one of the following:
   a. At least six thousand hours of certified apprenticeship training that must be completed in no less than three years as required under chapter 18.34 RCW; or
   b. An accredited opticianry course as described in WAC 246-824-050; or
   c. Been principally engaged in practicing as a dispensing optician not in the state of Washington for five years;
4. Successfully pass one of the following examinations:
   a. The state examination offered on or before August 31, 2017;
   b. On or after June 1, 2015, the basic competency examination, basic contact lens examination, and the practical examinations from ABO-NCLE. This requirement can also be met by successfully passing the ABO-NCLE advanced competency examination, advanced contact lens examination, and the practical examinations on or after June 1, 2015; and
5. Meet any other requirements in law.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and chapter 18.34 RCW. WSR 18-04-110, § 246-824-040, filed 2/7/18, effective 3/15/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-824-040, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250. WSR 93-14-011, § 246-824-040, filed 6/24/93, effective 7/25/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and chapter 18.34 RCW. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-824-040, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-824-040, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.34.040 and 18.34.080. WSR 84-08-019 (Order PL 464), § 308-26-015, filed 3/27/84; Order PL-106, § 308-26-015, filed 2/2/71.]