

ABO and NCLE Fact Sheet

ABO = American Board of Opticianry

NCLE = National Contact Lens Examiners

ABO and NCLE are national not-for-profit organizations for the voluntary certification of ophthalmic dispensers.

What are the requirements for taking the exams?

- Everyone is eligible to sit for the exam that is at least 18 years of age and has a high school diploma or GED.
- While no experience is required, candidates with two to three years hands-on experience of completion of an optical school program are more successful in passing the exams.

What is the content of the exams?

ABO

- Fitting and dispensing spectacles, ophthalmic devices – 55%
- Analyzing and interpreting prescriptions – 28%
- Use of standard ophthalmic equipment – 17%

NCLE

- Patient/customer instruction and delivery of procedures – 34%
- Prefit, preparation, and evaluation – 24%
- Follow-up visits with patient/customer – 23%
- Determining lens type and designing contact lens parameters – 19%

How do I keep my certification?

- Your certification must be renewed every three (3) years through completion of continuing education requirements and payment of a modest renewal fee. You will receive information on the requirements along with the certificate.

For more information, please consult:

<<http://www.abo-ncle.org>>

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