



Board for Barbers and Cosmetology

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Guidance Document: Optician Test Date Requirements

Interpretation of when the “initial test date”, as noted in 18 VAC 80-30-70.D and 18 VAC 80-30-90.C, begins for individuals who completed the ABO-NCLE written exams prior to applying for licensure with the board.

For individuals who passed either of the ABO-NCLE national competency exams before applying for licensure in Virginia, and have kept their ABO certification current, the Board will accept the initial test date as the date of application for licensure to the Board.

For individuals who do not have a current ABO certificate, or have not taken the ABO-NCLE exams, the initial test date is the first date, after applying for licensure, that the written or practical examination is taken.