

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION

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| Name: | Jurisprudence Examination |
| Date Approved: | 06/22/2018 |
| Date Updated: | 02/08/2019 03/04/2020 07/08/2020 |
| Number: | SP-LR-1 |
| Type: | Licensing Requirement (LR) |
| Reference: | Professional Bylaws Examinations (4.9) – (4.13) (4.9) (a) Every person wishing to obtain a professional certificate shall, in addition to any other requirements prescribed in The Optometry Act, 1985 or this Bylaw, be required to take an examination or reexamination authorized or set by the Board of Examiners. (b) No person may take the examination or examinations authorized or set by the Board of Examiners more than three times. (4.10) The Board of Examiners shall: (a) determine the subject or subjects of examination to be taken by a candidate; (b) prescribe or approve the content of the examinations; (c) establish the marks required by a candidate to pass the examination or examinations; and (d) determine the time when and the location where the examinations are to be held. (4.11) The Board of Examiners shall hold examinations at least once in each calendar year, provided that there are candidates for such examinations, and shall provide the Registrar of the Association with notice of the time, place and date or dates on which such examinations will be held. (4.12) Each Examiner or group of Examiners shall evaluate the candidate's performance on the subject or subjects upon which the examination has been set and shall return the record of that examination with the marks awarded thereon to the secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall report to the Registrar the marks awarded to each candidate. (4.13) The fee for each examination subject shall be as prescribed by Council. (4.14) The Board of Examiners shall review, develop, administer and recommend to Council the educational standards and examinations required for members to be eligible for a Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents Certificate or Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents Certificate. 02.08.19 MOTION "To increase the Jurisprudence Examination fee to \$500 effective 09/01/19." CARRIED. 02.08.20 MOTION "To approve the new Jurisprudence Examination officially dated February 8, 2020." CARRIED 03.04.20 MOTION "To accept the revised STANDARD OF PRACTICE SP-LR-1 Jurisprudence Examination." CARRIED. 07.08.20 Exception As a one-time exception in consideration of COVID-19, the SAO agreed to individualized or multiple jurisprudence sittings for the balance of 2020." CARRIED. 07.08.20 MOTION "To approve STANDARD OF PRACTICE SP-LR-1 Jurisprudence Examination." CARRIED. |

Further to the Professional Bylaws, the Board of Examiners, with Council approval, will determine the content, fee and passing grade for the Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists Jurisprudence examination.

1. It is recommended for SAO to hold a Jurisprudence examination in the spring and in the fall of each year if new potential members have expressed an interest or at the discretion of the Registrar.
2. The Board of Examiners will have, at minimum, three different Jurisprudence examination sequences available for the candidates to challenge. The different options will help to maintain the integrity of the examinations and discourage comparison of information for future examination sessions.
3. The Jurisprudence examination will be made up of questions confirming the knowledge of the following: The Optometry Act 1985, The Professional Bylaws, Standard of Practice and the Health Information Protection Act.
4. The examination will consist of a combination of 10 True and False questions and 30 Multiple Choice questions.
5. The passing mark will be a minimum of 75%.
6. The examination will be a proctored closed book examination.
7. The priority location for the examination will be at the SAO office. However, in the event that an applicant must write the examination outside of the SAO office a member of the SAO or a delegated individual may proctor the examination providing the applicant will not be working/employed by the proctor and have no affiliation or relationship.
8. A candidate may challenge the jurisprudence examination without meeting all requirements for licensure providing the required fee has been paid.
9. No candidate shall write the same jurisprudence examination sequence more than once.
10. Successful completion of the SAO jurisprudence examination provides a six-month window for application for licensure.