

State board issuing the same and showing also that the standard of requirements adopted and enforced by said board is equal to that provided for by this Act may, without further examination, receive a certificate of licensure, provided that such applicant has not previously failed at an examination held by the board of this State. All persons passing such examinations shall be registered in the board register, which shall be kept by the secretary and shall also receive a numbered certificate of such registration, signed by at least three members of the board making such examination of said applicant, which shall be recorded in the clerk's office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, or the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of any county in the State. If any applicant be rejected he shall be entitled to another examination not earlier than six months thereafter for the first fee paid, but for subsequent examinations he shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars. Said examinations are not to occur within six months of the preceding one.

Section 264. The board may revoke any certificate of registration or examination granted by it under this sub-title because of wilful misrepresentation, illegal practice, conviction of crime, whether in this State or elsewhere, habitual drunkenness for six months preceding the charge, gross incompetency to practice optometry, the employment of other persons as solicitors of business, obtaining any fee by fraud or misrepresentation, employing directly or indirectly any person other than the holder of a certificate of registration or examination granted in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title, to perform any act for which such certificate is required, making use of or authorizing any advertisement containing untruthful or misleading statements, or any other unprofessional conduct; and the board may refuse to grant a certificate to any person guilty of fraud in passing the examination or guilty at any time of felony or gross immorality or addicted to the liquor or drug habit to such a degree as to render him unfit to practice the profession of optometry; but no certificate shall be revoked nor refused unless written charges have been filed against the accused in person, and at least ten days' written notice of the time and place of the hearing thereon, which shall be public, served upon the accused, and he be given an opportunity to confront the witness against him, offer testimony in his own behalf and be heard in person or by counsel. Witnesses at such hearing shall testify under oath and the board