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Optometry Board – Military Occupational Crosswalk

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Air Force

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Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Optometrist (67F) [Officer]

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Coast Guard

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Marines

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Navy

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Optometrist (880, 1880) [Officer]

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Optometrist - Diagnostics

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	Doctor of Optometry A candidate must graduate from an accredited optometric educational institution. A candidate from an unaccredited optometric educational institution must submit their credentials to an accredited optometric educational institution, make up any deficiencies (if applicable), and obtain certification from the accredited optometric educational institution that the requirement for graduation from the accredited school has been met.
Examination Requirement	I Examination Candidate must receive a passing grade on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry exams (Part I, II, and III).
Profession definition	Optometrist with a focus in diagnostics. Diagnostics refers to any means or method compatible with optometric education and professional competence. The term shall encompass the use of pharmaceutical agents for diagnostic purposes classified as miotics, mydriatics, cycloplegics, topical anesthetics and dyes when applied topically to the eye, which pharmaceutical agents shall be approved by the Secretary of Health.

Air Force
Optometrist (42E1; 42E3; 42E4; 42EX) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine, diagnose, treat, and manage diseases and disorders of the eyes and associated structures Prescribe treatment and ophthalmic devices, such as glasses and contact lenses Perform clinical procedures necessary to correcting vision Manages optometry activities and supervises ophthalmic technicians with emphasis on meeting Air Force medical service standards Plans, supervises, and participates in vision conservation, eye protection, soft contact lens program and the corneal refractive surgery programs
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor of Optometry from an accredited four-year college of optometry
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An unrestricted state license to practice optometry utilizing therapeutic pharmacologic agents Completion of 5.5-week Commissioned Officer training course
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Paraoptometric Certified Retinal Angiographer Contact Lens Registry Exam

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	No experience requirements for licensure.
Education Requirement	Servicemember holds Doctor of Optometry from accredited school. Satisfies education requirement for licensure.
Examination Requirement	Servicemember is required to hold a license to practice optometry in the Air Force, and thus, must have passed the National Board of Examiners in Optometry exams. If servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41. If servicemember is interested in pursuing the “Optometrist – Therapeutics and Glaucoma” license, they must provide proof of passing the “Treatment & Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD)” examination to qualify for that license class.

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Army
Optometrist (67F) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervises medication, rehabilitation, therapy, spectacle lenses, contact lenses and certain surgical procedures Counsels patients regarding surgical and nonsurgical options Provides initial diagnosis and management of eye injuries on the battlefield
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor of Optometry degree from an accredited program acceptable to the Surgeon General Job training for medical service corps officers includes completing an Officer Basic Leadership Course, which is an introduction to the Army Health Care system, Army doctrine and basic Soldier/leader skills.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current license to practice optometry in the U.S. Ability to make accurate, immediate decisions Perform under stress Apply critical technical and thinking skills Tremendous concentration
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Contact Lens Examiners Basic Certification - Contact Lens Registry Exam (CLRE) American Board of Opticianry Basic Certification - National Opticianry Competency Examination (NOCE) American Board of Opticianry Advanced Certification (ABOC-AC)

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Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember is required to hold a license to practice optometry in the Army, and thus, must have passed the National Board of Examiners in Optometry exams.</p> <p>If the servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.</p> <p>If the servicemember is interested in pursuing the “Optometrist – Therapeutics and Glaucoma” license, they must provide proof of passing the “Treatment & Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD)” examination to qualify for that license class.</p>

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Navy
Optometrist (880, 1880) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refractive services, such as refractive surgery and prescribing spectacles or contact lenses • Ocular pathology treatment • Surgical co-management • A subspecialty focus, such as low vision, traumatic brain injury rehab, specialty contact lenses and more
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of optometry degree from a college or university recognized by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education or the American Optometric Association • Upon graduation from graduate school, those pursuing an Optometrist position are required to attend Officer Development School (ODS) in Newport, R.I. ODS is a five-week program that provides a comprehensive and intense introduction to the responsibilities of Navy Staff Corps Officers.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed to practice optometry by one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia • Eligibility to be licensed by a state or the District of Columbia by having passed Parts I, II and III of the National Board Exam (an active state license is required upon entering Active Duty) • Graduate school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Paraoptometric • Certified Paraoptometric Assistant • Certified Paraoptometric Technician • Contact Lens Registry Exam • National Opticianry Competency Examination

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