

Prior law provided that licensed optometrists certified by the La. State Board of Optometry Examiners to use pharmaceutical agents may direct licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to execute diagnostic and therapeutic orders and administer pharmaceutical agents.

New law retains prior law and expands the type of healthcare personnel which may execute diagnostic and therapeutic orders and administer pharmaceutical agents.

Prior law provided that the board shall conduct an annual meeting on a date in June set by the board annually.

New law allows the board to determine a date in June on which to conduct the annual meeting.

Prior law provided that the application, together with the supporting documents, shall be filed with the secretary-treasurer of the board on or before 30 days prior to the date set for examination.

New law retains prior law and adds an exception to the requirement of the application and supporting documents having to be filed with the secretary if through no fault of the applicant, in the opinion of the board, the documents are not available at this time.

Prior law provided until a certificate of practice is recorded an optometrist shall not engage in the practice of optometry.

New law removes prior law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 37:1041(C)(2)(e), 1042(B), 1050(B), and 1055)