



## PRIMARY SOURCE DATA USED TO VERIFY AN APPLICANT'S CREDENTIALS FOR LICENSURE

The following processes are utilized by the California State Board of Optometry to verify an applicant's credentials for licensure as an optometrist:

1. Obtain certification of the applicant's successful completion of an accredited school/college of optometry degree program directly from the accredited school/college of optometry degree program.
2. Obtain verification of the applicant achieving passing scores on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry Parts I, II, III and Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease exams directly from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.
3. Obtain verification(s), if any, directly from the respective licensing agency for each health care related license, registration or certificate previously or currently held by the applicant.
4. Obtain results of a National Practitioner Data Bank Self-Query Report.
5. Obtain the results of background checks from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice for convictions of crimes substantially related to the practice as an optometric doctor.

Sincerely,

Gregory Pruden  
Executive Officer  
California State Board of Optometry