

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-8-3

## §30-8-3. Definitions.

As used in this article:

- (a) "Appendages" means the eyelids, the eyebrows, the conjunctiva and the lacrimal apparatus.
- (b) "Applicant" means any person making application for a license, certificate or temporary permit under the provisions of this article.
- (c) "Board" means the West Virginia Board of Optometry.
- (d) "Business entity" means any firm, partnership, association, company, corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company or other entity owned by licensees that practices optometry.
- (e) "Certificate" means a prescription certificate issued under section fifteen of this article.
- (f) "Certificate holder" means a person authorized to prescribe certain drugs under section fifteen of this article.
- (g) "Examination, diagnosis and treatment" means a method compatible with accredited optometric education and professional competence pursuant to this article.
- (h) "License" means a license to practice optometry.
- (i) "Licensee" means an optometrist licensed under the provisions of this article.
- (j) "Ophthalmologist" means a physician specializing in ophthalmology licenced in West Virginia to practice medicine and surgery under article thereof this chapter or osteopathy under article fourteen of this chapter.
- (k) "Permittee" means a person holding a temporary permit.
- (l) "Practice of optometry" means the examining, diagnosing and treating of any visual defect or abnormal condition of the human eye or its appendages within the scope established in this article or associated rules.
- (m) "Temporary permit" or "permit" means a permit issued to a person who has graduated from an approved school, has taken the examination prescribed by the board, and is awaiting the results of the examination.