

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**74-3271. Optometry schools or colleges, guaranteed admission of Kansas residents; agreements; practice obligation.** An agreement entered into by the state board of regents and a Kansas resident who is an undergraduate student enrolled in or admitted to an accredited school or college of optometry pursuant to a contract which provides for guaranteed admission and continued enrollment of such person therein and which was entered into for such purpose under K.S.A. 76-721a, and amendments thereto, shall require that the person:

- (a) Complete the required course of instruction in optometry and receive the degree therefor;
- (b) apply for and obtain a license to practice optometry in Kansas;
- (c) engage in the practice of optometry in Kansas on a full-time basis for a period of 12 months for each year in which such person is enrolled in the school or college of optometry and for which an annual amount is paid therefor by the state board of regents pursuant to a contract under K.S.A. 76-721a, and amendments thereto, or engage in the practice of optometry in Kansas on a part-time basis for a period equivalent to 12 months, as determined by the state board of regents, for each year in which such person is enrolled in the school or college of optometry and for which an annual amount is paid therefor by the state board of regents pursuant to a contract under K.S.A. 76-721a, and amendments thereto;
- (d) (1) with regard to persons entering into an agreement prior to the effective date of this act, commence such full-time or part-time practice of optometry within nine months after licensure and continue such practice in Kansas for a consecutive period of months equal to the total number of months required under the agreement;  
(2) with regard to persons entering into an agreement after the effective date of this act, commence such full-time or part-time practice of optometry within six months after licensure and continue such practice in Kansas for a consecutive period of months equal to the total number of months required under the agreement;
- (e) maintain records and make reports to the state board of regents to document satisfaction of the obligation under such agreement to engage in the full-time or part-time practice of optometry in Kansas and to continue such practice for a consecutive period of months equal to the total number of months required under the agreement; and
- (f) upon failure to satisfy an agreement to engage in the full-time or part-time practice of optometry in Kansas for the required period of time under such agreement, repay amounts to the state board of regents as provided in K.S.A. 74-3272, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 1985, ch. 303, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 151, § 7; July 1.