

Sec. 20-141-25. Periods of apprenticeship

(a) The computation of any period of apprenticeship as an optical apprentice shall commence at the date of registration, provided such apprentice is employed in the state of Connecticut and in an establishment which has a licensed optical department which is capable of giving, and where the opportunity is available for such apprentice to obtain, practical experience, skill and optical knowledge as required and, further, is under the supervision of a licensed optician or a mechanical optician.

(b) Any person who registers with the commission as is required by law for the purpose of producing or reproducing ophthalmic lenses and similar products or mounting the same to supporting materials or fitting the same by mechanical manipulations, molding techniques or other related functions and is employed in an establishment which does not comply with the conditions set forth in subsection (a) shall be recorded but shall not have such period accredited as time spent to qualify for examination except after satisfactory proof has been furnished the commission that such service is satisfactory, in which circumstances partial credit may commence at the date of registration as hereinafter set forth.

(c) Any person, upon application, may be registered by the commission as an optical apprentice even though the place of employment has only a partial opportunity available for an apprentice to obtain practical experience, skill and optical knowledge required in order to qualify for examination. Under this condition a limited apprenticeship will result and such registered apprentice may obtain a part of the credit required by acquiring experience, skill and optical knowledge in surfacing, edging, benchwork or fitting and adjusting, either separately or in combinations, which, however, will not be all of the functions of producing and reproducing optical prescription glasses, mounting the same to supporting materials and fitting and adjusting the same to the ultimate wearer. Such a limited apprenticeship would require a subsequent application in order to register for such further opportunity as was not previously available in order to complete the required credit to qualify for examination.

(See G.S. § 20-159.)