

1 certificates with the Department; or by other means
2 established by the Department.

3 Any optometrist who has permitted his or her license to
4 expire or who has had his or her license on inactive status
5 may have his or her license restored by making application to
6 the Department and filing proof acceptable to the Department
7 of his or her fitness to have his or her license restored and
8 by paying the required fees. Such proof of fitness may
9 include evidence certifying to active lawful practice in
10 another jurisdiction and must include proof of the completion
11 of the continuing education requirements specified in the
12 rules for the preceding license renewal period for the
13 applicant's level of certification that has been completed
14 during the 2 years prior to the application for license
15 restoration.

16 The Department shall determine, by an evaluation program
17 established by rule, his or her fitness for restoration of
18 his or her license and shall establish procedures and
19 requirements for such restoration.

20 However, any optometrist whose license expired while he
21 or she was (1) in Federal Service on active duty with the
22 Armed Forces of the United States, or the State Militia
23 called into service or training, or (2) in training or
24 education under the supervision of the United States
25 preliminary to induction into the military service, may have
26 his or her license restored without paying any lapsed renewal
27 fees if within 2 years after honorable termination of such
28 service, training, or education, he or she furnishes the
29 Department with satisfactory evidence to the effect that he
30 or she has been so engaged and that his or her service,
31 training, or education has been so terminated.

32 (Source: P.A. 89-702, eff. 7-1-97.)

33 (225 ILCS 80/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 3917)

1 Sec. 17. Inactive status. Any optometrist who notifies
2 the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the
3 Department, may elect to place his or her license on an
4 inactive status and shall be excused from payment of renewal
5 fees until he or she notifies the Department in writing of
6 his intent to restore his or her license.

7 Any optometrist requesting restoration from inactive
8 status shall be required to pay the current renewal fee, to
9 provide proof of completion of the continuing education
10 requirements specified in the rules for the preceding license
11 renewal period for the applicant's level of certification
12 that has been completed during the 2 years prior to the
13 application for restoration, and shall-be-required to restore
14 his or her license as provided by rule of the Department.

15 Any optometrist whose license is in an inactive status
16 shall not practice optometry in the State of Illinois.

17 Any licensee who shall practice while his or her license
18 is lapsed or on inactive status shall be considered to be
19 practicing without a license which shall be grounds for
20 discipline under Section 24 subsection (a) of this Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 89-702, eff. 7-1-97.)".