

Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry
**COUNCIL ON ENDORSED LICENSURE MOBILITY
FOR OPTOMETRISTS**

CELMO

(Pronounced *cellmo*)
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I. CELMO CONCEPT – AN ARBO COMMITTEE

Program Name: Council on Endorsed Licensure Mobility for Optometrists (CELMO)

Purpose: To assist state optometry boards in determining qualification of applicants for licensure from established practitioners in other jurisdictions.

Goals: To provide a uniform license mobility vehicle by which state optometry boards can address the difficult challenge of managing licensure by endorsement.

Effect: Permitting greater practitioner mobility while maintaining standards of licensure.

NOTE: It is acknowledged that each individual state board of optometry reserves the right to make its own determinations regarding licensure and this program in no way lessens that power, authority, and responsibility.

II. CELMO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Optometrist must:

- have been engaged in active practice for three of the last four years.
- have authority to prescribe medications (therapeutic pharmaceutical agents) in the state in which currently practicing.
- be in good standing with every state board from which a license is currently held.
- report all disciplinary actions taken by any state board.
- submit the original reports from both the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) along with the CELMO application form
- pay all applicable CELMO fees.