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Rules

The rules committee is reviewing the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), which are enforceable rules that further explain the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), relating to all VPB rules affecting the Scope of Practice. The rules regulate the professions. Emails were sent to all stakeholders in December. Once a DRAFT of updates are complete, your input will be requested again, via email, for stakeholder input. View all the current rules in the OAC with the link www.codes.ohio.gov/oac/search/4725.

Emails — Check Spam Folder

The VPB's primary communication method to all stakeholders is through utilizing your email address in your account in eLicense. Please make sure your email address is always up to date. In addition, if you are not receiving our emails, please check your spam folder and verify email addresses from eLicense-noreply@DAS.Ohio.gov or Board@Vision.Ohio.gov are not blocked by your server. You may be missing important updates, reminders and communications. When emails are bounced back to the VPB, we do reach out to advise you through a different communication method.

REMINDERS:

Prescriptions: Under ORC 4725.28, a licensed optometrist SHALL give each patient one copy of the prescription without an additional charge to the patient.

Apprentice Opticians: Under OAC 4725-3-01, and 4725-5-16 apprentices must dispense with direct supervision of the licensed dispensing optician listed on the apprenticeship agreement and publicly display a VPB valid registration card.

INSPECTION REPORTS ONLINE

Board Investigator inspections protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by ensuring that all professions are in compliance with the ORC and OAC. To aid in assuring the mission of the VPB, periodic unannounced inspections will be performed. The on-site Inspection Reports are available for optician and optometrist offices and are located on the VPB website under the designated profession tabs.

2020 Calendar

February 17	Presidents' Day—board office closed
February 20-22	Ohio Optometric Association (OOA), destinations conference
February 22-23	Opticians Association of Ohio (OAO), southwest conference
Feb. 29-March 1	Opticians Association of Ohio (OAO), northwest conference
March 30	Last day: OPTICIAN 2020 renewal before mandatory retest
April 1	Ohio Optometric Association (OOA), day at the statehouse
April 1	APPRENTICE Optician renewal begins
April 18-19	Opticians Association of Ohio (OAO), central Ohio conference
April 30	Last day: OPTOMETRIST 2020 renewal before reinstatement

MISSION: The mission of the Vision Professionals Board is to protect and serve the public of Ohio by effectively and efficiently regulating the practices of Optometry, Opticianry, and Ocularistry in Ohio. We strive to be a national leader for the establishment of professional practice standards and licensure of Optometrists, Opticians, and Ocularists.

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