



VPB eNEWSLETTER

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Rules

In the coming months, the rules committee will be 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. As in the past, emails will be sent to all stakeholders for input PRIOR to any changes. Once a DRAFT of updates are complete, your input will be requested again for stakeholder input. View all the current rules in the OAC with the link www.codes.ohio.gov/oac/search/4725.

Email Addresses

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 that any communications from extension @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.

Credit Card Statements

PLEASE NOTE: Your statements have "Vision Prof Brd" as the provider of services for fees that are paid to the Vision Professionals Board through the eLicense system.

INSPECTIONS

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. Depending on your profession, a partial list of being in compliance includes displaying current licenses where patients can easily view, wearing an identifying badge with name and licensee designation, Rx's in a secured area, adequate handwashing facilities, maintaining patient records for seven years and having unexpired products.

2019 Calendar

November 1	OPTOMETRIST license renewals begin (Quick Tip on website)
November 11	<i>Veterans Day—board office closed (Thank you, Veterans!)</i>
November 28	<i>Thanksgiving Day—board office closed</i>
December 12	<i>Board Meeting—9:30 a.m., 77 S. High Street, 31st Floor,</i>
December 16	OPTICIAN license renewals and CE's end
	(Quick Tip on website) (suggested submission deadline)
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December 25	<i>Christmas Day—board office closed</i>
January 1	<i>New Years Day—board office closed</i>
January 20	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—board office closed</i>

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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