

OCULARISTS / OPTICIANS

1. There are three types of license:
 - a. Spectacle
 - b. Contact Lens
 - c. Spectacle/Contact Lens, which is referred to as a Combination license.
2. All licenses expire on December 31st no matter when issued.
3. License application fee is \$50.00 plus \$3.50 processing fee.
4. An Optician can only have three apprentices under a license at any one time.
5. It is the Optician's responsibility to deactivate apprentices when no longer supervising the apprentice even if it is for a short leave of absence.
6. All "Spectacle" only Opticians must complete the Spectacle Contact Dispensing (SCD) Continuing Education (CE) course prior to being able to dispense pre-packaged contact lenses. The CE is the only requirement for the first year.
7. CE requirements are waived the first year for "Contact" only or "Combination" licenses.
8. CE requirements for Opticians are listed on webpage at: www.Vision.Ohio.gov
9. All applications and deactivation of apprentices are completed online at: <https://elicense.ohio.gov>
In order to use and access the new system, all Opticians must create an account. To create an account, please complete the following step:
 - a. Go to the Ohio eLicense Home Page at: <https://elicense.ohio.gov>
 - b. Click "Login / Create Your Account" option.
 - c. Click "I DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE" at the bottom left side under "New Users."
 - d. You will be prompted to enter your Social Security Number and date of birth, and you must create and confirm a unique password.
10. To obtain a license you must have:
 - a. Earned a degree in optical dispensing from a Board approved school; or
 - b. Completed a two year registered apprenticeship of a least one thousand (1000) hours per year in optical dispensing under the direct supervision of a licensed dispensing optician, of which one year of not less than 30 hours/week of optical laboratory experience under the direct supervision of a licensed dispensing optician which may be used towards the apprenticeship requirements; or
 - c. Completed two years of experience of a least one thousand (1000) hours per year of direct supervision AND in the employment of an optometrist or ophthalmologist; and
 - d. Successfully passed the American Board of Opticianry (ABO) examination for licensure as a dispensing spectacle optician; or
 - e. Successfully passed the National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE) examination for licensure as a dispensing contact lens optician;
 - f. Submitted an application through: <https://elicense.ohio.gov>; and
 - g. Completed and submitted the forms at: www.Vision.Ohio.gov. Click on "Forms" then download and print Criminal Records Fact Check Letter and Certification of Supervisor Form.



Ohio Vision
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- \$ 50.00 – Optician/Ocularist License Application Fee
- \$100.00 – Optician/Ocularist License Renewal Fee
- \$ 75.00 – Optician/Ocularist Late License Renewal Fee
- \$ 50.00 – Optician/Ocularist Endorsement Application Fee
- \$ 10.00 – Optician/Ocularist Duplicate License/WallCert. Fee
- \$ 5.00 – Optician/Ocularist Lost License/Wall Certificate Fee

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