

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License Application of:

TERA S. PALMBLAD, O.D.,

Licensee.

STIPULATED FINAL ORDER

On June 1, 2000, the Board of Optometry (Board) issued a notice of intent in which the Board proposed to take disciplinary actions against Tera S. Palmblad, O.D. (Licensee). On June 22, 2000, Licensee timely requested a hearing and answered the allegations as noticed.

Licensee and the Board now propose to informally resolve this matter through the following stipulation:

Findings of Fact

1. Licensee owns and operates a business under the name of Franz Optical Visionary, located at 2041 NE Burnside Road, Gresham, Oregon.
2. Licensee's license renewal application, including a report indicating that 25 hours of Continuing Education ("CE") had been completed, was due on March 1, 2000.
3. 2000 is a transition year from calendar year license renewal to license renewal based upon the licensee's birthdate. Prior to the rule change, Licensee's CE reporting deadline was July 1, 2000. Following the rule change, Licensee's CE reporting deadline became March 1, 2000. Under the new rule, Licensee's license was valid until March 31, 2000. The March 1, 2000 Notice of Automatic Suspension issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 683.120(2) simultaneously with the notice of incomplete renewal application via regular mail was not received by Licensee until March 13, 2000.
4. On May 1, 2000, Licensee forwarded the Board a signed copy of her Oregon License Renewal Application, satisfying the continued education requirements.
5. For a portion of this intervening period, Licensee continued to perform optometric examinations, notwithstanding an ORS 683.120(2) suspension.

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Conclusions of Law

The foregoing facts constitute a violation of ORS 683.140(11) and 683.180(7).

Order

- 1. Licensee is suspended from the practice of optometry. The period of suspension will run from the date of Licensee's automatic suspension to the date this Stipulated Final Order is fully executed, at which time Licensee's license to practice optometry in the State of Oregon is reinstated.
- 2. Licensee stipulates to a civil penalty of \$6,000.
- 3. This Stipulated Final Order constitutes the final resolution of this matter, including any right to appeal therefrom.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.



 Tera S. Palmblad, O.D.
 Licensee

 AUGUST 9, 2000

 Date

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16TH day of August 2000.

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
State of Oregon



 David Plunkett, Administrator

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