

OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



Board Newsletter

November 2017

No More Originals

CE Certificate Options

The Board changed one word in OAR 852-070-0035(4) and it totally changed the way you can verify your CE completion. The Board removed the word original, so now licensees can use a variety of documents to verify CE completion. The Board will now accept ARBO OE tracker reports, electronic certificates or other documentation of course completion. This change was implemented to upgrade the Board's CE audit and verification process to current standards.

The Board is also working with ARBO to feed in licensee courses from the OE Tracker system—that will prevent you from having to enter into OBO's licensing system any courses already entered into the OE Tracker system.

ARBO has asked to begin the OE Tracker data transfer project after the first of the year. Once that project has been worked out, we will share the details of when and how your courses will be fed into our licensing system. OOPA is also working with ARBO to send their course attendance so that any courses taken through OOPA will also be fed into your OE Tracker account, which will then be fed into your Oregon license renewal system.

Carryover CE Courses

Just a reminder that our new system carries over CE courses instead of hours. As we complete our first year with the new system, most of you have entered your CE courses and we've cleared out the old CE hours. If you had courses eligible for carryover, OBO staff emailed you for permission to update your CE record.

Credentialing CE Log

If you are required by a credentialing organization to submit a log of the CE courses submitted for your license renewal, please contact us. OBO staff can print an Excel list of the courses submitted with your renewal. Please email us and include your e-signature (1) full name, 2) license number and 3) last 4 digits of your SSN).

“Thank you for your patience as we implemented our new online license renewal system. It's been a year of positive change at OBO and we look forward to a strong 2018....”

- Shelley Sneed, OBO

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BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2017 Meeting

Board Activities

As of October 26, 2017 the Board had the following licensee counts:

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| Active Licenses | Inactive Licenses | 405 |
| 2017 new applications | 55 | |
| 2017 new licenses issued | 47 | |

Discipline Cases for 2017:

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| New complaints | 22 | New complaints reviewed | 22 |
| Complaints resolved & closed | 31 | | |
| Complaints resolved with no discipline | 11 | | |

Board Actions:

The Board discussed the following agenda items at their meeting:

- Reviewed the Board's financial statements.
- Reviewed CE courses approved since the last Board meeting and discussed making changes to the CE submission process for 2018.
- Reviewed Board member committee assignments.
- Took action on the following Executive Session cases:
 - Closed case: **16-12-01 Porter/OBO**
 - Proceed with discipline: **2017-19 French/OBO**
 - Proceed with discipline: **2017-20 Cooper/OBO**

2018 Board Meeting schedule:

- Friday February 2, 2018
- Friday May 11, 2018
- Friday August 3, 2018
- Friday November 2, 2018

Board staff will be finalizing the details of using conference calls or web access for 2018 meetings. Information will be emailed prior to meetings.

Intense Pulsed Light Therapy

The Board has received several inquiries on the use of this treatment for eye related conditions. The Board's laws/rules are clear that licensees cannot use laser treatment. Since this technology is not laser, licensees are free to use it for eye related conditions. Here's the

852-020-0050—Scope of Practice

(1) Optometric physicians in Oregon may perform procedures to diagnose or treat the eye. They may not perform invasive or laser surgery, sub-Tenon, retrobulbar, intraocular or botulinum toxin injection, or administer intravenous or general anesthesia. Nothing in these rules may be construed to prohibit an optometric physician from co-managing invasive surgery or laser surgery. Co-management is defined as the sharing of peri-operative responsibilities between the medical and optometric physician.

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