



Reinstating Your Oregon License to Practice Optometry

If you were previously licensed as a doctor of optometry in Oregon, you may have your license reinstated if you were in good standing (see OAR 852-050-0014, below) at the time you voluntarily surrendered your license or it was suspended for nonpayment of the license renewal or late fee(s). If your license has been lapsed for more than 10 years you may have to reapply as a new applicant.

To reinstate your Oregon license to Active Status:

- Contact Melissa Auman at the Board's office at (971) 701-1603 or by e-mail to melissa.auman@obo.oregon.gov to determine how long you have been unlicensed in Oregon and learn the total of your delinquent fees (the annual fees for those years your license was lapsed and a late fee for the first year you let your license lapse) and what continuing education requirements apply.
- Pass the Oregon Optometric Law and Administrative Rules examination (if it has been more than two years since you held an active status license in Oregon). You can find and take the examination online at any time through the National Board of Examiners in Optometry at: <http://www.optometry.org/law.cfm>.
- Have each state in which you have ever been licensed to practice optometry send a written license verification and status update directly to the Oregon Board of Optometry, 1500 Liberty Street SE, Suite 210, Salem, Oregon 97302. The Board will accept electronic verifications if they include all of the required information. Please do the online verification and email to Melissa for review.
- Submit your signed request for reinstatement of licensure to the Board, with the following:
 1. Pay your delinquent fees, the reinstatement fee and background check fee (if not actively licensed for 2 or more years). The Board will email you an electronic invoice at your request. The Board's fees are included in OAR 852-010-0080.
 2. Proof of your current CPR certification, as required in OAR 852-080-0040.
 3. Proof of required continuing education hours.
 4. Submit fingerprints for a national background check if your license has been lapsed more than 2 years (if reinstating to active status). (Once the fees are paid, the Board will send the information to have the fingerprinting done).

Once all the elements of your application are in hand and we determine you are eligible for reinstatement, we often can reinstate your status within a day or two. **Note:** We have seen long delays from some states in sending license verifications; you may wish to make your verification requests to other states sooner instead of later to ensure no unnecessary delays. If you have any discipline history, your application may need to be reviewed and approved by the Board, which meets quarterly.

To reinstate your license to Inactive Status, please contact the Board's office for instructions. If you have questions, we are happy to answer them by phone, e-mail or mail.

Oregon Administrative Rules

852-050-0014--Reinstatement of License

(Please see the laws/rules section of the Board's website for the current version of these rules).