

# OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



Board Newsletter

February 2023

## Fee Changes

In order to maintain operations, the Board proposed rule changes that increased fees. Here is an overview of the new fees effective 1/13/23:

- Active renewal fee \$450
- Late CPR/Address/Practice/renewal fee \$100 / \$150 / \$250
- License copy fee \$ 50
- CE audit failure to respond timely penalty \$400
- CE audit failure to complete timely penalty \$600
- Inactive renewal fee \$140
- Inactive late renewal fee \$ 20
- Application for licensure \$355
- TPA upgrade fee \$150
- License verification fee \$ 40
- Licensee lists \$ 40
- License reactivation fee \$200
- License reinstatement fee \$200
- Background check fee \$ 75

*“The legislature is in session. This is an opportunity as an Oregonian to shape our future.” If you have an interest or passion, please exercise your interest in the legislative process.*

*- Shelley Hanson*

## Office moves/ownership changes

How do you update your electronic license record if your office moves or there is a change in ownership? Excellent question and one several of you have been struggling with. **NEVER** edit an existing place of practice location in the licensee self-service portal.

If your office makes a physical move, terminate the original location and add a new place of practice with the new location. You'll need to report changes within 14 days, but no later than the effective date, to avoid a late reporting fee—two weeks ahead of time (not 14 days after the effective date).

If there's a change in ownership, whether or not there's a change in name, terminate the old location and add it back in too. We are expecting an upgrade to our system this spring that will make this easier. The upgraded system will ask for the business owners names of each practice location.

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## 2023-25 Board Budget

Each biennium the Board is required to prepare an operating budget and then go through the public rule-making process. The Board held a publicly noticed special meeting on January 4, 2023 at noon to pass the 2023-25 operating budget.

The 2023-25 biennial budget is \$977,250 in revenues and \$1,026,190 in expenses. A copy of the detailed budget is on the [Board's website](#).

## Board look back—Latisse

Looking back at the Winter 2012 newsletter, here is information provided then about the use of Latisse in optometry. This is a question that still comes up today.

The use of Latisse for hypotrichosis of eyelashes (a condition of abnormal loss or reduction of hair) was approved by the FDA in 2008. Latisse also was deemed as being within the optometric scope of practice by the Board at its March 13, 2009, meeting as being a pharmaceutical agent on the topical formulary for Oregon optometric physicians.

Latisse can be prescribed by optometric physicians and can be sold to their patients providing all of the labeling and dispensing requirements have been met.

Remember, however, that prescription drugs cannot be dispensed by an optometrist to anyone other than a patient with whom he or she has a bona fide physician/patient relationship.

## AT to ATI status

Currently 196 of our 856 active status licensees have AT rather than ATI status. That means that 77% of our active licensees are able to give injections according to Board rules in [OAR 852-080-0020 to 852-080-0040](#). Have you ever wondered how to upgrade your license status?

## Steps to upgrade your therapeutic certification

First, take an approved injection course. Pacific University offers a course. It is a seven hour course and can be offered for individuals as well as groups—contact Mikki Buckingham at PUCO for more information. After you've completed the course, log into the licensee self-service portal and go to "License Category Change Request" in the left hand side navigation. Fill out the online request information and attach the certificate of completion. You'll pay the fee and then the Board will process your request. Once it's approved, your new license will be printed and issued. The request will be reviewed in about two business days.

### Portal Training Videos

We consistently get questions about how to enter and edit CE courses in the system. There are also questions about how to carry-over CE courses. There is a new training video on the education page of the Board's website explaining [how to add and edit courses in the portal](#). The video is about 5 minutes, so a quick way to get an almost live demonstration on how to use the CE section of the portal.

OBO staff also gets questions on how to find the OBO course numbers for board approved courses. There's a new short training video on [how to find OBO course numbers](#) too. If you're working on your license renewal or entering courses after hours, these are great resources to assist you.

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## Board Meeting Call in Information

Email Optometry.board@obo.oregon.gov  
for a Teams meeting invitation

The Board office is closed  
on meeting dates



# BOARD MEETING

## Board Activities

As of January 18, 2023 the Board had the following licensee counts:

Active Licenses	855	Inactive Licenses	259
Applications	13 (since 7/1/22)		
2022 new licenses issued	4 (11/1/22 to 12/31/22)		

Discipline Cases for 11/1/2022-12/31/2022:

New complaints	3	Open cases at 12/31/21	7
Complaints resolved & closed	5		
Monitored cases	1		

## 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.
- Reviewed proposed and noticed rule changes.
- Took action on the following Executive Session cases:
  - Closed case with discipline: **C2022-1264 Phillips/OBO**
  - Closed case with discipline: **C2022-1265 Nehring/OBO**
  - Closed case with discipline: **C2022-1270 Anderson/OBO**

### 2023 Board Meeting schedule:

- Friday May 5, 2023 at 12:30 pm
- Friday August 4, 2023 at 12:30 pm
- Friday November 3, 2023 at 12:30 pm

Board meetings are offered via MS Team or in person. Licensees can earn their 1 hour of law/ethics CE by attending a public session meeting. Email optometry.board@obo.oregon.gov for an online meeting invitation.

# Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Registration

Oregon has had the PDMP since 2011 and it is a resource to track scheduled II to IV prescription medications to help manage opioid abuse. If you have a DEA license, you need to register for the PDMP. Your renewal fee includes the PDMP fee. This is a critical piece of helping manage prescription opioid abuse. You can query the system to see what medications have been prescribed to your patient and register any registered medications that you prescribe, so that other healthcare providers are aware of all of the patient's medications. Here is a link to the [PDMP program](#) at the Oregon Health Authority.

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