

OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



Board Newsletter

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Board Member needed

Join us to learn more about regulation

Board service is another way to give back to your profession. OBO's board is appointed by the Governor and serves for three year terms. Members can be reappointed one time and members serve a total of up to six years.

Being on the Board is a responsibility and a privilege. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about the operations of the Board itself as well as review investigation cases and determine if licensees or others have violated Oregon's optometry law.

Board members have the ultimate oversight responsibility for the Board's operations, but the bulk of the work is delegated to the Executive Director and staff.

Board members also work with staff on legislative matters, and the Board's administrative rules.

What is the time commitment? Board meetings are regularly scheduled four times a year. Each summer the Board determines its next year's schedule. That means that you as a Board member have a voice in the scheduling. There may be other times when conference call meetings need to be scheduled due to time sensitive matters. Those are generally scheduled during the lunch hour or late afternoon to minimize interruptions to your work schedule.

Interested? Here's a link to the Governor's Executive Appointment's office:
https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How_To_Apply.aspx

You can also call or email
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“Need law/ethics CE credit? All public session board meetings are available via conference call in addition to in person. Call in information is included in the meeting notice and agenda on the Board's website.”

Shelley Sneed, E.D.

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Fee Increases

After a number of years without any fee increases, the Board has gone through rule making and adopted fee increases. These increases are effective as of 1/1/2019. If your license renews in January, you'll see the increased license fees on that renewal. Here is an overview of the Board's new fee schedule:

Active License renewal fee \$375
(with the \$25 EDMP fee and the \$2 OHA survey fee)

Inactive License renewal fee \$125

Duplicate Portable/reprint \$40

License Verifications \$30

Licensee List \$30

Wall Certificate \$40

License App by Exam \$300

License App by Endorsement
\$300

TPA upgrade \$100

Reactivation Fee \$150

Reinstatement Fee \$150

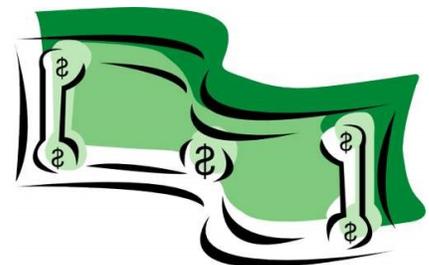
Late fee/Failure to Report and
Address Change and CPR lapse
fees:

1st in 7 years \$75

2nd in 7 years \$100

3rd or more in 7 years \$200

Inactive Late Fee \$20



Proposed Rule Changes

The Board has proposed several rule changes and copies of the language is available on the Board's homepage of the website (www.oregon.gov/obo)

The first set of rules that have been approved by the Board and finalized are the rules adopting the fee increases mentioned to the right. Those fee increases were included in the proposed 2017-19 budget amendment, which was approved by the Board.

The proposed board 2019-21 operating budget is going through rule making. A budget hearing is scheduled for January 25, 2019 at 2 pm at the Board's office. Public comment will be accepted via email (Optometry.Board@oregon.gov), fax (503-914-5142) or U.S. mail until 3 pm on January 25, 2019.

The final set of proposed rule changes are miscellaneous housekeeping to match the Board's rules to current processes. The rule chapters affected are:

- 852-001-0001—Notice of Proposed Rule
- 852-050--0005—License and Certificate of Registration
- 852-005-0030—Contracting
- 852-010-0015—Application for Examination and Licensure
- 852-010-0020—Rules for Examination and Licensure
- 852-010-0022—Application for Endorsement Examination and Licensure
- 852-010-0023—Rules for Endorsement Examination and Licensure
- 852-050-0006—Annual Renewal of Active License
- 852-050-0012—Inactive License Status
- 852-050-0014—Reinstatement of License
- 852-050-0016—Notice of Place of Practice
- 852-070-0047—Continuing Education Approval
- 852-080-0040—Certification to Use Pharmaceutical Agents

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BOARD MEETING

Board Activities

As of October 18, 2018 the Board had the following licensee counts:

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| Active Licenses | 822 | Inactive Licenses | 359 |
| 2018 new applications | 49 | | |
| 2018 new licenses issued | 49 | | |

Discipline Cases for 2018:

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| New complaints | 31 | New complaints reviewed | 30 |
| Complaints resolved & closed | | | 34 |
| Complaints resolved with no discipline | | | 31 |

Board Actions:

The Board discussed the following agenda items at their meeting:

- Reviewed the Board's financial statements and proposed 2019-21 budget. Board moved to file rules to adopt the budget after public comment.
- Reviewed CE courses approved since the last Board meeting.
- Took action on the following Executive Session cases:

Send Final Order: **2017-19 French/OBO**

Proceed with discipline: **2018-30 Reich/OBO**

2019 Board Meeting schedule:

- Friday February 8, 2019—Q & A session @ noon at the OOPA meeting with a public Board meeting to follow at the Sheraton Hotel, Portland Airport
- Friday May 10, 2019
- Friday August 9, 2019
- Friday November 8, 2019

Reminders

Here are some things the Board sees that licensees need to remember:

*If you volunteer or work outside of your primary practice, the location needs to be reported to the Board prior to working there

*If you need a license verification, send the Board a written request and we can email you an invoice for the fee. If there's a specific form required, you'll need to mail that to us (unless it's available electronically).

*Name changes require the new name change form (available on the Forms page of the Board's website) and legal documentation.

*If you retire and/or sell your practice, you must notify the Board in writing of the transfer of patient records to the new owner/licensee. The transferring licensee must notify the Board.

*Expired contact lens prescription requests—they are part of the patient record and must be released within 14 days of any written request. If you believe they are being filled, you can notify the FDA, FTC and AOA.

*You cannot contract or bargain the scope of practice or records responsibilities. If you are signing a contract, review the Board's laws and rules and consult an attorney if necessary.

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