

**IDAPA 24
TITLE 10
CHAPTER 01**

24.10.01 - RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

250. LICENSES CANCELED FOR FAILURE TO RENEW (RULE 250).

~~Any person whose license has been canceled for failure to renew for a period of less than five (5) years may be reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee for each year the license was lapsed, payment of a one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) reinstatement fee, and upon providing documentation of having met the continuing education requirement for each year their license was lapsed. A license that has been cancelled for failure to renew may be reinstated in accordance with Section 67-2614, Idaho Code.~~ Any person whose license to practice optometry has been canceled for failure to renew for a period ~~in excess of~~ **more than** five (5) years ~~may be reinstated~~ **must apply for a new license** in accordance with the requirements of Section 67-2614, Idaho Code, ~~subject to examination by the State Board of Examiners of the State Board of Optometry at its discretion.~~ (3-15-02)()

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

300. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN OPTOMETRY (RULE 300).

01. Hours Required, Advance Approval. (4-11-15)

a. Until January 1, 2017, each optometrist licensed by the state of Idaho shall attend, in each twelve-month (12) period preceding the renewal of his license, a minimum of twelve (12) full hours of approved optometric continuing education courses or meetings. (4-11-15)

b. Effective January 1, 2017, each optometrist licensed by the state of Idaho shall attend in each calendar year prior to license renewal, a minimum of twelve (12) full hours of approved optometric continuing education courses or meetings. (4-11-15)

c. Approved optometric continuing education courses or meetings shall be those post-graduate optometric education courses or meetings approved in advance by the Board of Optometry or post-graduate study sessions or seminars at an accredited school or college of optometry. In addition, all Council on Optometric Practitioners Education (COPE) approved courses are approved for continuing education credit. If an optometrist attends or plans to attend a course of study or seminar which has not been approved in advance, he may petition the Board for approval of that educational course of study, setting forth a description of the course. The Board may, in its discretion, approve the course upon review of the material submitted either in advance or after completion of the course. (4-11-15)

02. Additional Hours Required to Use Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents. (4-11-15)

a. Until January 1, 2017, each optometrist licensed by the state of Idaho to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents shall attend, in each twelve-month (12) period preceding the renewal of his license, a minimum of six (6) additional full hours of approved optometric courses or meetings. (4-11-15)

b. Effective January 1, 2017, each optometrist licensed by the state of Idaho to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents shall attend in each calendar year prior to license renewal, a minimum of six (6) additional full hours of approved optometric courses or meetings. (4-11-15)

c. This six (6) hours of continuing education must be in courses involving ocular pharmacology and/or advanced ocular disease and are in addition to the twelve (12) hours of continuing education required under Subsection 300.01. (4-11-15)

03. Correspondence/Home Study Courses/Observation. The Board allows credit for correspondence courses, individual home study and observation that is germane to the practice of optometry. No

more than ~~six (6)~~ nine (9) hours of continuing education shall be permitted each year in correspondence courses or other continuing education obtained from “home study” courses or observation. ~~(3-30-07)~~()

04. Waiver of Requirements. The Board of Optometry shall waive the continuing education requirement for the first license renewal after initial licensure. The Board of Optometry may, upon application, waive the requirements of this rule in cases involving illness, unusual circumstances interfering with the optometrist’s ability to practice or inability to conform to the rules due to military duty. (3-15-02)

05. Renewal Application Form. Each licensed Idaho optometrist will be furnished a license renewal application form by the State Board of Optometry on which each optometrist shall attest on their annual license renewal application that they have satisfied the continuing education requirements. False attestation of satisfaction of the continuing education requirements on a renewal application shall subject the licensee to disciplinary action. (3-20-04)

06. Audit. The Board may conduct audits to confirm that the continuing education requirements have been met. In the event a licensee fails to provide the Board with acceptable documentation of the hours attested to on the renewal application, the license will not be renewed. (3-20-04)

07. Documentation of Attendance. It shall be necessary for each licensed Idaho optometrist to provide documentation verifying attendance or completion of continuing education by securing authorized signatures, documentation, or electronic verification from the course instructors, providers, or sponsoring institution substantiating any hours attended by the licensee. This documentation must be maintained by the licensee and provided upon request by the Board or its agent. (4-4-13)

08. Excess Hours. A licensee may carryover a maximum of six (6) hours of continuing education to meet the next year’s continuing education requirement. Excess hours may be used only during the next renewal period and may not be carried forward more than one (1) year. (4-11-15)

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575. FEES (RULE 575).

01. Annual Renewal Fee. Annual renewal fee for license - seventy-five dollars (\$75). (7-1-97)

02. Annual Fund Fee. Annual fund fee - seventy-five dollars (\$75). (4-4-13)

03. License Application Fee. License application fee - one hundred dollars (\$100). (7-1-93)

04. Certificate to Obtain and Use Pharmaceutical Agents Fee. Certificate to obtain and use pharmaceutical agents fee - ten dollars (\$10). (3-30-01)

05. Reinstatement Fee. Reinstatement fee is as provided in Section 67-2614, Idaho Code. ()