

420-9-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals

Continuing Education courses totaling at least ten (10) hours shall be required for the biennial renewal of licenses. Of the ten (10) hours, a minimum of two (2) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses. Of the ten (10) hours, no more than two (2) hours may be obtained via the internet.

(a) The method of reporting continuing education shall be by audit as follows:

1. Each licensed dispensing optician shall be responsible for maintaining certificates of attendance (and supporting documents as appropriate) for continuing education courses taken to satisfy the requirements for continuing education for a period of four (4) years from the date of attendance;

2. The staff of the State Examining Boards shall audit the continuing education of a percentage of licensees for compliance with all rules and regulations. This percentage shall not exceed 20% of the licensed opticians, randomly selected, in the State per biennium;

3. At the time of license renewal, licensed dispensing opticians shall certify to the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal;

4. In the event a licensee, who is audited, fails to submit certificates of continuing education, or other documentation, of having satisfied the continuing education requirements for license renewal, the application for renewal will not be processed until all continuing education requirements are met; and

5. A licensee who fails to meet the continuing education requirements shall be subject to disciplinary actions by the Board.

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