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2011 OPTOMETRISTS RENEWAL INFORMATION

Renewal Notices:

Renewal notices will be mailed out to all currently licensed optometrists to their address of record. If you have moved and have not notified the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board") of your new address, you may not receive the renewal notice. It is the licensee's responsibility to notify the Board of their current address.

Online Renewal:

Online renewals will begin in early November through December 31, 2011. Optometrists who renew online will be asked to attest that they have completed the continuing education requirement and shall submit proof of their continuing education by mailing in their continuing education certificates upon submission of their online renewal.

If you cannot renew online or prefer to mail in your renewal, forms will be made available to download in early November at the Board's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/boards/optometry/>. Optometrists shall submit proof of their continuing education by mailing in their continuing education certificates upon submission of their renewal forms.

Continuing Education Requirements for Optometrists:

For both online and mailed in renewals, the Board will conduct an audit of continuing education courses for all licensees.

Non-Therapeutic - 32 hours in approved programs (Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 16-92-39) or if initially licensed in the first year of the biennium (2010), submit certification of having earned sixteen (16) hours for the biennium. A person who obtains licensure in the second year of the biennium (2011) need not obtain any continuing education hours for the first renewal of their license.

TPA Certified - 36 hours of Board approved courses in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular and systemic diseases regardless of initial date of licensure. The one hundred (100) hour course in the treatment and management of ocular disease shall satisfy the 36 hour requirement provided that the course was taken within the two years prior to the date the application for license renewal is received by the Board.

For both non-therapeutic and TPA certified optometrists, the number of online or correspondence continuing education hours may not constitute more than 25% of the total number of continuing education hours required per biennium for license renewal, e.g. 32 hours total required, not more than 8 hours of online or correspondence courses may be counted.

Failure to complete or provide proof of completion of the continuing education requirement or submitting false information by attesting that you have fulfilled the continuing education requirement at the time of renewal will be referred to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") for disciplinary action against your license.

Please allow 15 to 20 business days for a completed renewal application to be processed. An application is considered complete when all fields are properly filled out and all of the requirements are met (i.e. fees, continuing education, etc.).

If you have any questions, please call Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer, Board of Examiners in Optometry at (808) 586-2693.