

# West Virginia Board of Optometry Visionary



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*The Board congratulates its new licensees, Donna Wratford, Tracy Rosiek, Thomas Brugnoli, Chynna Chandler, Mark Colander, Deanna Jackson, Angri-sha Sharma, Meredith Rogers and Kylee Kleppinger*



## New Annual Renewal Period Begins on July 1, 2012

Optometric law was changed to reduce the biennial renewal period to an annual renewal. This new change is listed in our rules, §14-1. The fee for annual renewal is \$400. The current license period ends on June 30.

The continuing education requirements were left on a two

year cycle for the convenience of the optometrists.

The rules now state that CE requirements are that 40 hours of continuing education are to be obtained during any even numbered two year cycle. As before, a minimum of 12 hours of CE must be taken in pharmacology or therapeutics, a maxi-

mum of 6 hours may be taken in practice management, and a maximum of 10 hours of CE may be taken by correspondence or via the Internet.

License renewal is conducted on line on our web site, [www.wvbo.org](http://www.wvbo.org) under "Licensees," then "Online Annual Renewal."

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### Annual Renewal Online is Quick and Easy

Optometrists actively engaged in the profession of optometry in this state must renew their license annually on or before June 30, 2012. The fee for renewal is \$400. There is a late renewal fee of \$200 for those renewals not received by June 30, 2012.

License renewal will be conducted using the Board's web site, [www.wvbo.org](http://www.wvbo.org). Payment may be made by credit card, using the numbers from the bottom of your check or check by mail postmarked within 48 hours of license renewal on the web site.

You may click on "Licensees" in the left column of the home

page. This leads you to a new menu. Please select "Online Annual Renewal." The next action will be to click your mouse on "Account Manager".

If you have established an encrypted user account with the web site you may enter your user name and password. If you are a new licensee who has not registered on the web site you may establish a new account.

Review your personal information including all addresses, e-mail address and phone numbers. Please be sure to list the address of all of your office locations then mark "yes" or "no" to the licensee

assurances at the end of your listing. The process will take approximately five minutes.

Annual notification of renewal is a courtesy of the Board, and failure to receive a notice does not exempt anyone from the penalties of failing to meet the requirements of renewal by the West Virginia Code.

The Board no longer maintains proof of all CE hours. Maintaining proof of at least 40 hours of continuing education credits per each even numbered 2 year period is your responsibility.

You should retain records for the current and previous re-

newal periods.

The Board begins its CE audit by checking your listing in OE Tracker through the ARBO web site at [www.arbo.org](http://www.arbo.org). If you have enough hours accumulated in this database you will not be audited further. If enough hours are not listed there you will be asked to provide paper copies of CE proof of attendance.

If you hold an and Injectable Pharmaceuticals Certificate you must obtain at least 2 additional hours of CE in injections in addition to the 40 hours required annually. You must also maintain current CPR certification.

## West Virginia Board of Optometry License Interview Date is July 14, 2012

The West Virginia Board of Optometry will hold its Summer, 2011 license exam on July 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the board office at 179 Summers Street, Suite 231, Charleston, WV 25301. The deadline for applications to be received in the Board office is June 14, 2012.

The interview includes questions on pharmacology, laboratory procedures, ocular manifestations of systemic diseases and ophthalmic science (e.g.: optics). There is a written multiple choice exam on jurisprudence administered simultaneously. You may also choose to take the jurispru-

dence exam through the National Board of Examiners in Optometry on its website at [www.optometry.org](http://www.optometry.org). The fee is \$25. Go to "Laws and Regulations Governing Optometry" on our website at [www.wvbo.org](http://www.wvbo.org) to study for the jurisprudence exam.

The requirements for an application are listed in West Virginia Code, §14-1-3. Some important requirements to remember are:

- A certified, sealed transcript from the applicant's undergraduate and optometry school must be sent directly to

the Board office.

- The applicant must take and successfully pass the exam from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) parts I, II, and III including the examination on injections. A copy of the exam results must be sent to the Board office.

- A copy of your birth certificate is to be enclosed.

- Two 2" x 2" color photographs must accompany the application.

- The fee for the applica-

tion is \$300.00.

The application may be requested from the board office at 1-800-250-4150, downloaded from the board's web site at [www.wvbo.org](http://www.wvbo.org) or requested by postal mail.

§14-1 on the application process is posted on the web site under "Laws and Regulations."

The requirement that all new applicants take and pass the NBEO exam on injections is a new requirement for our rule, §14-11 Injectable Pharmaceuticals Certificate.

## The Board's New Legislative Rules

The Board's enabling statute, §30-8, was completely rewritten by Senate Bill 230 effective on June 11, 2010. All of the Board's legislative rules were re-written to comply with the bill. Some changes were minor, such as re-labeling sections of the rules to match the new legislation.

The Board has added three new rules, §14-9 on Contacts That Contain and Deliver Pharmaceutical Agents, §14-10 on Continuing Education and §14-11 on Injectable Pharmaceutical Agents.

§14-9 sets up a certificate to allow optometrists to prescribe and dispense contact lenses that deliver pharmaceutical agents for a reasonable and customary fee. An optometrist

may not dispense these contacts based on an outside prescription.

§14-10 on Continuing Education takes CE out of §14-1, Rules of the Board. This will allow the Board to make adjustments to continuing education requirements as the scope of practice increases. It also modernizes the pre-approved sponsor list, and makes the CE approval process and documentation required more clear. A two year period to acquire the required hours in continuing education is retained.

§14-11 sets up requirements to obtain the privilege of administering injectable pharmaceuticals. The Board will keep a list of approved courses for training in injection techniques

and the pharmaceuticals approved for administration. The Board will also maintain a list of approved injection sites and pharmaceuticals permissible for inspection by the public. Those optometrists who gain the privilege must obtain certification from the American Heart Association or American Red Cross in basic life support.

The Board has re-written §14-2 on oral pharmaceutical agents. It now includes the statutory categories of oral antibiotics, oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors so all oral pharmaceutical categories will be listed in the rule together. It also outlines criteria for the Board to approve new oral drugs. A list of approved new drugs will be maintained by

the

Board for public inspection.

§14-1 Rules of the WV Board of Optometry changes the license renewal period from two years to one year beginning on July 1, 2012. The two year period for acquiring required continuing education hours is retained in the new §14-10, Continuing Education. The rule adds the new forms of permits and licensure required in the new law. A temporary permit is added for new graduates who have not had their Board interview to practice under supervision. The temporary permit is in effect for 90 days.

§14-5, Fees, adds new fees for the new permits.

The rules are posted on the web site under "Rules and Regulations Governing Optometry."

## The WV Health Information Network for Electronic Health Records

The West Virginia Health Information Network was formed under the oversight of the Health Care Authority to facilitate exchange of health records

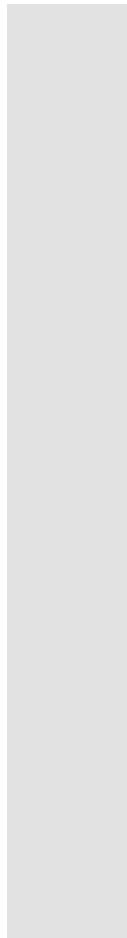
through the use of Electronic Health Records.

You may contact Amber Nary, MS at the network at 304-558-4503 or go to the web site at

[www.wvhin.org](http://www.wvhin.org).

Incentives for optometrists who use or want to implement electronic health records are available through a Medicare Incentive

Program. You may contact the WV Regional Health Information Technology Extension Center at 304-951-8716, or go to its web site at [www.wvrhitec.org](http://www.wvrhitec.org).



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## Change of Address/Name Form

Mail form to: West Virginia Board of Optometry  
 179 Summers Street, Suite 231  
 Charleston, WV 25301

You **MUST** keep this office informed of any address or name changes. Faxed or e-mailed copies are not accepted since we must have your original signature authenticating the change you are wanting us to make to your official records.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS and/or CHANGE OF NAME FORM

NAME OF LICENSEE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF CHANGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 WV LICENSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME CHANGED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check only one preferred mailing address:

(The preferred mailing address is your address of record and is public information. Telephone numbers are not public information.)

( ) Principal Office Address

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Original Signature of Licensee is Required)

Fee for Address Change: \$10.00

Fee for Name Change: \$10.00

