

West Virginia Board of Optometry Visionary



Injection Certification Training On August 26 and August 27, 2016

An injection administration certification class is now available. The training is sponsored by the West Virginia Association of Optometric Physicians (WVAOP). The training will be offered on August 26 and August 27 at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV. The cost for the program is \$595 for WVAOP members and \$995 for non-members. You may contact the WVAOP at 304-720-8262 or go to their website at www.wvaop.org to apply for the training.

The program offered in August provides an opportunity to increase your optometric skills to better serve your patients. In addition, should the scope of optometric practice be expanded in the future, injection certification will most likely be required to perform those new services.

Full injection certification qualifies you to administer intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous and subconjunctival injections.

An application for full injection certification must include proof of passage of the injection certification training course, a current CPR card from either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross and a check for \$200.

An applicant for injection certification must have oral prescriptive or -OD authority in order to qualify to take the course for certification. You must submit a precertification application prior to application for injection administration. If you graduated from optometry school prior to 2011, you must have 20 hours of continuing education in injections and intraocular and systemic pharmacology or therapeutics prior with five of those hours in injection administration for precertification.

If you graduated from optometry school in 2011 or thereafter, you must take and pass the injection portion of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry examination. This certifies



you to perform intramuscular and intravenous injections only. This is the basic injection or -IOD1 certification. If you wish to administer subcutaneous or subconjunctival injections, you must take and pass the injection certification course to administer those additional injections.

The Injection Packet posted on our website, www.wvbo.org, beneath the Board Mission Statement includes all training requirements, a detailed description of your new privileges and requirements for administration as well as all forms required.

Special points of interest:

- Injection Certification Training
- Comment Period On CE Rule
- CE Fact Sheet
- CE Audit Coming
- Board Pays OE Tracker Fees
- New Licensee CE Requirements
- Eye Care Consumer Protection Act

Congratulations to our new licensees: Elizabeth Parsons, O.D.; Michael Buchanan, O.D.; Ashley Carroll, O.D.; Andrew Cassis, O.D.; Kenneth Cole, O.D.; David Holland, O.D.; Michael Krimigis, O.D.; and David Bechtel, O.D.

Comment Period on New CE Rule Ends on August 22

Many of you have said that the CE rule and the language for the Governor's drug diversion training requirement are confusing. We hear you, and we have filed a new CE rule that reorganizes the rule and clarifies the drug diversion language. The new rule also says that the Board may officially require that licensees report

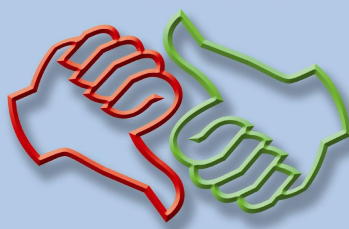
their CE through the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry OE Tracker system for audit.

The Board continues to pay your fee to use OE Tracker. You may track your compliance with WV requirements, print certificates and a transcript of your CE as well as use the OE Track-

er application to record your CE course as you attend on site.

The new rule is posted on our website at www.wvbo.org under Laws and Regulations Governing Optometry/Proposed Rules. You may send your comments on the rule to the Board by fax, email at wvbdopt@frontier.com or postal mail by August 22.

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CE Fact Sheet

Every licensee must complete 43 hours of continuing education per even numbered 2-year period.

The current CE period is from 7/1/16 – 6/30/18.

Of the required 43 hours, every licensee shall complete:

- At least 12 hours of CE in pharmacology or therapeutics,
- No more than 6 hours in practice management,
- No more than 10 hours by Internet or correspondence.

Every licensee must complete the Drug Diversion Requirement.

- Each licensee who prescribes controlled substances must take a 3-hour course in Drug Diversion and Best Practices Prescribing available from the WVAOP every 2 years.
- The licensee who does not prescribe controlled substances has one of two choices to meet the Drug Diversion Requirement:
 - ◆ Take the Drug Diversion Course for 3 hours of CE credit;
 - ◆ Sign a waiver stating that he or she has not prescribed a controlled substance during the CE period. Please be aware that there is no CE credit for signing the waiver.

Injection Certified CE

- The licensee who holds injection certification (IOD or IOD1) must take at least 2 hours of CE in administering injections.
- The injection certified licensee must keep his CPR from the American Heart Association or the Red Cross up to date.

Pre-Approved Sponsors for WV CE Credit

All CE must be sponsored or approved by the following organizations:

- The American Optometric Association or its affiliated organizations,
- The WV Association of Optometric Physicians or other state AOA organizations,
- The Academy of Optometry,
- Post-graduate courses offered by accredited optometry schools,
- SECO,
- Approved by COPE.

The Board may approve courses not sponsored or approved by the above organizations using the pre-approval process outlined in §14-10-6. Check with the Board for any course that is not sponsored or approved by the list above before taking the course.

Continuing Education Audit Season is Coming

The Continuing Education (CE) period for the last renewal was 7/1/14–6/30/16. The requirements for CE for that period are listed on the opposite page. All licensees must have 43 hours of CE from 7/1/14–6/30/16.

Those who have prescribed controlled substances must take 3 hours Drug Diversion and Best Practices Prescribing CE during the period. Those who do not prescribe controlled substances may take the drug diversion course for three hours of CE credit or sign a Drug Diversion Waiver posted on our website at www.wvbo.org beneath the

Board Mission Statement at the top of the home page. There are no hours of CE credit assigned to the Drug Diversion Waiver. WVAOP has a drug diversion correspondence course. You may contact them at 304-720-8262 for more information.

The CE Audit will begin on August 10. The Board will run a list of CE hours for each licensee. Those who have 43 hours of CE or above will receive an email of congratulations. Those who do not have 43 hours of CE in OE Tracker will receive an email asking that they send proof of any hours that are not listed for

them in their OE Tracker record to the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) for entry into OE Tracker.

You should have received a letter from ARBO letting you know that the Board has paid your OE Tracker fee for July 2016 to July 2017. There should have been instructions on how to access your record in OE Tracker in the letter. The ARBO staff can assist you in setting up your account if needed. The phone number is 704-970-2710.

Payment of the fee allows you to upload CE certificates directly into

OE Tracker. The staff can assist you with uploading a certificate for the first time. You may also fax certificates to ARBO for OE Tracker entry at 1-888-703-4848. Please remember to send certificates for any CE classes not listed in your record to ARBO. Do not send the certificates to the Board Office.

Please keep in mind that those with a -IOD or -IOD1 license must have two hours of injection CE. The -IOD's and IOD1's must also have a current CPR card from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

New Licensees Have Different Drug Diversion and CE Requirements

All new licenses beginning with the Summer 2013 class must complete 3 hours of Drug Diversion and Best Practices Prescribing CE within one year of receiving his or her initial license without exception. New licensees do not have access to the Drug Diversion Waiver as a choice. This requirement was written in the WV Code and had to be included in the Board's legislative rule, §14-10, Continuing Education. The WVAOP has a Drug Diversion correspondence course available. You may contact WVAOP at 304-720-8262 for more information on the course.

New licensees have an exemption regarding their first CE renewal cycle. A licensee who has graduated from an optometric school accredited by the

Accreditation Council on Optometric Education or its successor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education within one year of successfully completing the licensing interview shall be exempt from the requirements of 43 hours of continuing education for a period of time from the date of successful completion of the licensing interview to the licensee's first license renewal. This exemption does not apply to the 3 hour Drug Diversion CE requirement.

This exemption from CE is also used for newly licensed attorneys. The theory behind the exemption is that optometrists who have graduated from optometry school recently have had access to the most up to date information in optometric

treatment. They do not need to refresh their knowledge base.

An example would be of someone who was a recent graduate, passed his or her license interview and received his or her license in July 2013. He or she would not have to complete any CE hours except Drug Diversion until June 30, 2014. The 3 hour course for Drug Diversion would have to be completed by July, 2014. He or she would also need to have current certification in CPR from the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

The categories of CE required would be pro-rated for the time remaining in the biennial period. If the period left after the exemption was one year, at least 6 hours of study in pharmacology

or therapeutics must be completed and at least 1 hour of injection CE. In addition, he or she must have current certification in CPR from the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Many new licensees have only basic injection administration authority or IV and IM authority through passage of the injection section of the NBEO exam. You may obtain full certification by successfully passing the injection certification course offered by the University of Alabama Optometry School, Northeastern Oklahoma State University Optometry School or Southern College of Optometry (SCO) that meets the requirements of §14-11. The course offered in August is the SCO course.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 1-800-250-4150 or 304-558-5901.

Eye Care Consumer Protection Act

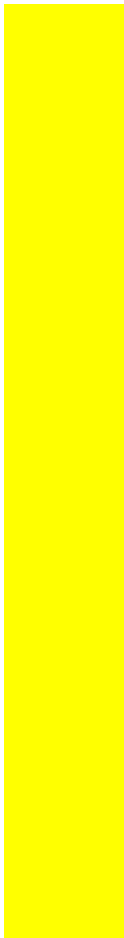
West Virginia Code, §30-8A forbids a prescription for eye glasses or contact lenses to be based on an exam using an automated refractor alone.

The prescription must be part of a full eye examination and evaluation. A person may not use an automated refractor or other automated testing device

to generate objective refractive data unless that use is under direct supervision of an optometrist. Direct Supervision requires the optometrist to be in the

building when the test is conducted.

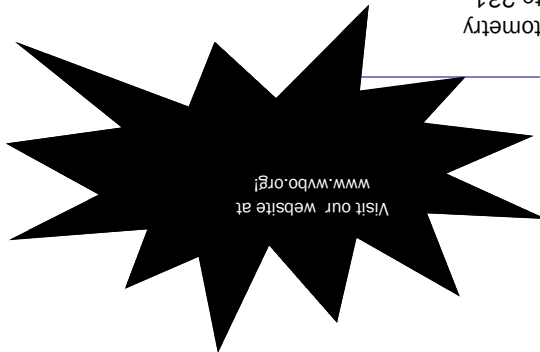
Automated applications, such as on a cell phone, are prohibited for prescription of eye lenses.



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Change of Address/Name Form

Mail form to: West Virginia Board of Optometry
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You MUST keep this office informed of any address or name changes.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS and/or CHANGE OF NAME FORM

NAME OF LICENSEE: _____ DATE OF CHANGE: _____
 WV LICENSE NO. _____
 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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