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Clarification of Continuing Education Requirements

The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry has recently issued a clarification regarding the continuing education requirements. Per S.C. Code of Law 40-38-260(B) “An optician or apprentice annually shall attend a minimum of four hours of continuing education courses or meetings.”

The Board has clarified that all licensees must complete the required four (4) hours for Opticians and Registered Apprenticeship and the one (1) hour for Contact Lens Distribution licenses on an **annual basis**. Licensees will attest to the completion of the hours on the biennial renewal form.

Example: Current Opticianry license expiration date 10/01/2021.

CE Hours Required 10/02/2019-10/01/2020: four (4) hours

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Example: Current Contact Lens Dispensing license expiration date 10/01/2021.

CE Hours Required 10/02/2019-10/01/2020: one (1) hour

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Failure to attain the number of hours required annually and/or the total number of hours required biennially for license renewal may result in Board action and additionally may affect renewal of the license. For additional CE Information, please visit the Board website at <https://www.llr.sc.gov/opti/ce.aspx>.