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ALERT - Board of Examiners in Opticianry – Revisions to 2020 Continuing Education Requirements

In response to the unique circumstances caused by the current public health emergency, the SC Board of Examiners in Opticianry has approved the following revisions to the 2020 continuing education (CE) requirements:

- 1) SC licensed opticians and contact lens dispensing opticians have the option to obtain the required four (4) or five (5) hours of in-person continuing education for 2020 in 2021. Licensees may therefore obtain all eight (8) or ten (10) hours of continuing education required for license renewal in 2021. All hours must be obtained prior to the October 2021 biennial renewal deadline.
- 2) Because SC registered apprentices must renew their licenses annually, rather than biennially, the Board voted to allow registered apprentices the option to obtain the required four (4) hours of continuing education through ABO-approved in-person or online courses. ABO online courses will only be accepted if they are technical courses relating to the skills applicable to apprentice training, and will be accepted ONLY for the 2020 renewal period.

Licensees and other members of the public needing assistance are encouraged to visit the Board website at www.llr.sc.gov/opti or send an email to contact.opticianry@llr.sc.gov or call 803-896-4681. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate updates via email and the Board website. Over the next few weeks, the Board encourages both the public and licensees to take appropriate action to decrease the transmission of COVID-19.