



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY NEWSLETTER

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A RECENT SUCCESS 2017-18 Renewal Report

As of March 1, 2017,
Nevada has 479
optometrists,
including 433 active
and 46 inactive
licensees.

Approx. 16 licenses were suspended for non-renewal, and none were moved to expired status. No licenses were revoked or suspended for discipline in 2016-17.

In our first year of electronic renewals, over 76% of our licensees renewed online. That's an impressive count!

NEW POLICIES IMPLEMENTED

The Board recently adopted changes to the Policies affecting licensed optometrists in the state of Nevada. *It is the licensee's sole responsibility to become aware of such changes and to incorporate them into his/her practice and interactions immediately.* A summary of a few of the changes appears below, or the full Board Policies can be reviewed at www.nvoptometry.org.

- A licensee who has not renewed his or her license by the last day in February will be shifted to SUSPENDED status as of March 1. The suspended licensee may not practice until the license is current. A \$250 late fee will be assessed for a late renewal received before June 30. Thereafter, through the end of the calendar year, the license may be reinstated upon renewal and payment of a \$500 penalty. As of December 31, the license will EXPIRE, and the former licensee will need to re-apply for licensure as though a Nevada license had never been issued.

- All **correspondence** with the Board must be made: 1) through the Board's website; 2) via the Executive Director by mail at P.O. Box 1824, Carson City, Nevada 89702; 3) by email at admin@nvoptometry.org; or 4) via FAX at 775-305-0105.

- The Board's **presumed maximum** for a 72-hour prescription of **hydrocodone with acetaminophen** is 18 pills of either 5-325 or 10-325.

- There always is more to learn. Check the website often to stay up-to-date.

The Board's main goals are to enhance the integrity of the profession and to protect the public. Help us meet your expectations!



LICENSING & RENEWALS

As with any new system, our online renewal process in 2017 had its share of glitches. The staff extends gratitude to all licensees for their patience, persistence and humor. It sure made a difference! We expect there will always be a few problems, but we finally have worked out most of the kinks. Thank you for understanding. Next time, you'll have a much faster and more efficient experience.

BE SURE YOUR CE EFFORTS COUNT!!

Just a reminder – any COPE-approved CE coursework, whether live, online or in a periodical, may be applied toward your Nevada requirements, **EXCEPT** OPTOCASE or offerings through QUEENS UNIVERSITY. Optocase was revoked as a Nevada CE provider in 2015, and has not been reinstated,



2017 “MEET & GREET” EVENTS WERE A GREAT START

The Board hosted two opportunities for licensees, board members and staff to mix and mingle in early 2017. These events, though not well attended, offered a forum to discuss ideas, banter possibilities to assist in the mission of the Board, and to get to know staff and the new web-based systems. The Board hopes to repeat these events regularly to keep the ideas flowing - - especially just before each legislative session. Our next effort may be offered in conjunction with the [Nevada Optometric Association](#).

COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH BOARD MEMBERS



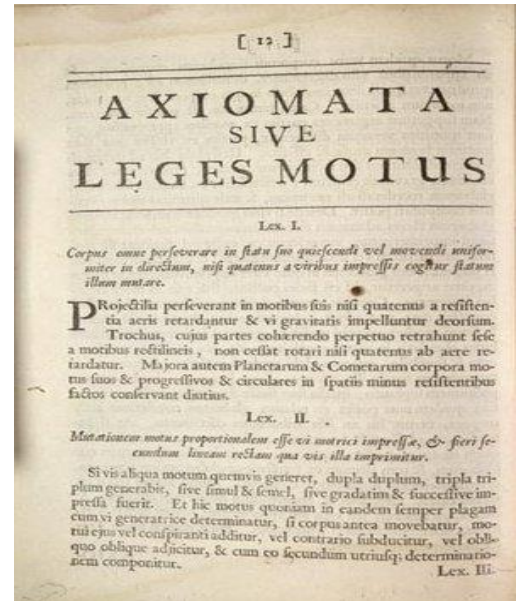
Please feel free to communicate with members of the Optometry Board about general items, but any suggestions, complaints or questions – especially related to the operations, business or hearings of the board - must be directed to the office, preferably by email.

Remember, these fine folks are volunteers, have business to conduct, and have families and lives that are independent from their service to our state. Please respect their privacy.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Knowledge of the policies, regulations and laws affecting your license and practice is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!** All of NRS Chapter 636, NAC Chapter 636 and the Policies of the Board are available on our website. Know these statutes and regulations and implement them in your practice, INCLUDING those laws outside of chapter 636, such as the State Board of Pharmacy's Prescription Management Program (<https://nevada.pmpaware.net/login>)

We **will** impose administrative penalties for late submissions and non-compliance – for everything from renewals to location address changes, and all other requirements for licensees. Want to stay ahead! Have questions? Please go to www.nvoptometry.org.



BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FEE SCHEDULE

Initial Application \$425.00 + \$25.00 Certificate = \$450.00

Application for Licensure by Endorsement \$250.00

Add a Practice Location, incl. duplicate cert. \$200.00 (initial year, per additional location)

Active License and Primary Location Annual Renewal \$375.00

Additional Location Annual Renewal \$200.00 (per location)

Inactive License Annual Renewal \$250.00

(For both active and inactive license renewals, a completed renewal form, continuing education compliance information and proper renewal fees must be submitted bearing a postmark on or before February 28th of each year to avoid suspension.)

Reinstate License Suspended for non-renewal:

\$375.00 Annual Renewal Fee, plus additional locations as applicable

\$250.00 Late Fee if postmarked by May 31

\$500.00 Late Fee if postmarked June 1 through December 31

Reinstatement of License Lapsed for non-renewal:

\$425.00 Initial Application Fee plus \$25.00 Certificate Fee and \$500.00 Late Fee

\$75.00 Nevada Law Exam (available at NBEO.com)

Nevada Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents Application (TPA) \$100.00 (One Time)

Nevada Glaucoma Application \$200.00 (One Time)

Fictitious Name or DBA Registration \$25.00 (One Time)

Change of Practice Address \$25.00

Activate Inactive License \$125.00

Re-issue Certificate of Licensure or Renewal Card \$75.00

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

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You can help by emailing us your ideas, suggestions and feedback, attending and participating in meetings and brainstorming sessions, and becoming involved in the licensing process.

We're all in this together.

DO YOU WISH TO SERVE YOUR STATE? Interested in joining the Board?

Each of our Board members is appointed to the Optometry Board by the Governor. Our members' terms expire on a rotating basis in October of each year. If you are interested in serving on this - or any - State Board, you may check upcoming vacancies and apply at <http://gov.nv.gov/Boards/Application-Information/>.