



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY NEWSLETTER

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## 2017-18 Licensing Report

As of January 1, 2018, Nevada had 501 licensed optometrists, including 449 active and 52 inactive licensees. We're growing.

In 2017-18, to date, the Board revoked 14 licenses for non-renewal, and added 53 new optometric licensees. Of the current 501 licensees, 74 hold a DPA certificate, 348 hold both DPA & TPA certs, and 78 have DPA, TPA & Glaucoma certifications.

No discipline revoked or suspended a license in 2017-18, but the Board revoked one TPA certificate and imposed approx. \$28,000 in disciplinary penalties among 3 disciplined licensees. It also imposed CE and other agreed-upon remedies as discipline. Only one licensee was reported to the National Practitioner Databank.

***IF YOU HOLD A NEVADA TPA CERTIFICATE, A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE # AND A DEA #, YOU MUST ACCESS THE NV PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM EVERY 6 MONTHS AND FOLLOW CERTAIN PROCEDURES EACH TIME YOU WRITE A CS.***



Go to <https://nevada.pmpaware.net> and "create an account".

1. Enter your email and create a password.
2. Select Healthcare Professional and your role (Optometrist).
3. Click "Update User Roles and Continue".
4. Enter your information. Required fields have a red asterisk.
5. Upload or fax the ***Healthcare Professional Certification Statement***.

The signature on the form must be an original. Electronic or stamped signatures cannot be processed.

6. Immediately check your email. You will receive an email from *no-reply-pmpaware@globalnotifications.com*. The email contains a link within to verify your email. The link expires after **60 minutes**.

7. The PMP will send further instructions concerning any other steps you need to take. Once all of the above are completed and the information is verified, your account will be activated.

### **Run a patient PMP report**

Log into your PMP account and click "RxSearch", Click "Patient Request"  
Type in the patient's first name, last name, DOB, and date range  
Click "Search"

### **Run your own prescriber report "MyRx"**

Log into your PMP account and click "RxSearch"  
Click "MyRx" and type in Prescription written date range  
Verify DEA, Click "Search"

Practitioners may delegate PMP tasks to a staff member under their authority. To add a delegate, visit <http://bop.nv.gov/links/PMP/>.



## RENEWAL CHORES

If your CE requirements are complete, why not **RENEW RIGHT NOW?** Beat the rush! [www.nvoptometry.org](http://www.nvoptometry.org).

***RENEWAL DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2018***

While you're at it, if you hold a TPA certificate, check the **Nevada Prescription Monitoring Program** at <http://bop.nv.gov/links/PMP/> to be certain your prescriptions are accurately represented. Find an anomaly? Contact the **Pharmacy Board/PMP** program right away.

## BE SURE YOUR CE EFFORTS COUNT!!

Just a reminder – any COPE-approved CE coursework, whether live or online, may be applied toward your Nevada CE requirements, ***EXCEPT those offered by OPTOCASE or offerings through QUEENS UNIVERSITY.*** Optocase was revoked as a Nevada CE provider in 2015, and has not been reinstated. PLUS - If you received your TPA certificate in this license year, your 40-hours count as your full CE requirement for next year. BONUS!



## DO YOU KNOW THE CURRENT LAWS REGULATING OPTOMETRISTS?

- A licensee who has not renewed by the last day in February will shift to SUSPENDED status as of March 1. The suspended licensee may not practice until the license becomes current. As of December 31, the license will EXPIRE, and the former licensee will need to re-apply for licensure.
- Any licensee authorized to prescribe controlled substances now must follow a detailed PMP process and procedure, whether or not he or she actually prescribes controlled substances.
- Before prescribing a controlled substance, you (yes, even an optometrist) must conduct a physical examination of any new patient, obtain written informed consent, counsel the patient about addiction and more.....

The Board has teamed up with the Nevada Optometric Association for YOUR benefit! ANY NEVADA OPTOMETRIST may join a web-based CE, presented by Optometry Board member **Jeffrey Austin, OD**, outlining **optometry-specific application of the new laws.** DON'T MISS IT! Tues., Jan 23 at 7 pm. Free to NOA members, just \$25 non-members. Just email [Kelly@nvoptometric.com](mailto:Kelly@nvoptometric.com) to reserve your spot online and obtain log-in info.

**CRITICAL INFO FOR YOUR PRACTICE!**

*It is the licensee's sole responsibility*

*to be aware of legal requirements and to follow them.*

*Did you know the new laws are effective 1/1/18?*

NRS 636, NAC 636 and the Policies of the Board are available on our website. **Know the laws affecting your license and practice!**

Regularly review the statutes, regulations & policies, and implement them in your practice, INCLUDING those laws outside of chapter 636, such as the Prescription Management Program.



**Attend this CE!** Questions? Please go to

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

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## **BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FEE SCHEDULE (as of 7/1/17)**

### **Initial Licensure**

Application \$425 + \$25 Certificate Fee = \$450

Appl. for Licensure by Endorsement \$225 + \$25 Certificate Fee = \$250

Add a Practice Location, incl. duplicate cert. \$200 (1st yr, per addl. loc.)

### **License Renewal**

Active License and Primary Location Annual Renewal \$375

Additional Location Annual Renewal \$200 (per location)

Inactive License Annual Renewal \$250

(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 penalties and/or suspension.)

Reinstate License Suspended for non-renewal:

\$375 Annual Renewal Fee, plus additional location fees as applicable

\$250 Late Fee if postmarked by May 31

\$500 Late Fee if postmarked June 1 through December 31

Reinstatement of License Lapsed for non-renewal:

\$425 Application Fee plus \$25 Certificate Fee and \$500 Late Fee  
plus Nevada Law Exam (available at NBEO.com)

### **Certificates**

Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents Application \$100 (One Time)

Glaucoma Application \$200 (One Time)

Fictitious Business Name Registration \$25 (One Time)

### **Other Fees**

Change of Practice Address \$25

Activate Inactive License \$175

Re-issue Certificate of Licensure or Location/Renewal Card \$75

Prepare Certificate of Good Standing \$25