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Action Items Nos. 5-9 Materials

for September 26, 2024

Board Meeting

Materials for Item No. 5 re

- Language Access Plan draft

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Language Access Plan

I. Purpose and Authority

Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 232 and federal guidance on Title VI address the barriers persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) face in accessing governmental programs and services. Persons with LEP require and deserve meaningful, timely access to government services in their preferred language. To that end, it is the responsibility of government to provide that access:

State and local agencies and entities that receive public money have an obligation to provide meaningful, timely access for persons with limited English proficiency to the programs and services of those agencies and entities.

The Nevada State Board of Optometry (herein “the Board”) is committed to complying with NRS 232.0081 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 2 C.S. § 561 et seq. (Act 172 of 2006) to ensure meaningful access to State services and programs for individuals with LEP. The purpose of this document is to establish an effective plan and protocol for employees of the Board to follow when providing services to, or interacting with, individuals who have LEP. Following this plan and protocol is essential to the success of our mission to protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only competent practitioners of optometry are licensed in this State.

II. General Policy

The Board recognizes that the population eligible to receive its services may include individuals with LEP. It is the policy of the Board to ensure meaningful access to LEP individuals. The Board will adopt the following policies and procedures to ensure that LEP individuals can gain equal access to the services the Board provides and regulates.

It is Nevada’s policy to grant access to services or programs to every person regardless of their ability to speak, understand, read, or write English. The Board intends to take all reasonable

steps to provide LEP individuals with meaningful access to its services and programs. The Board seeks to reduce barriers by increasing its capacity to deliver services and benefits to people in their preferred languages. The Board endorses the following policies:

- The Board is committed to equity and will take all reasonable steps to provide LEP individuals with meaningful access to all its services, programs, and activities.
- The Board, rather than the LEP individual, bears the responsibility for providing appropriate language services, regardless of the LEP individual's preferred language, at no cost to the LEP individual.
- Staff at the initial points of contact have the specific duty to identify and record language needs.
- Use of informal interpreters such as family, friends of the person seeking service, or other customers is not allowed. Minor children are prohibited from acting as interpreters.
- Staff may not suggest or require that an LEP individual provide an interpreter in order to receive Board services.

Board's Language Access Coordinator:

Executive Director
775-883-8367
director@nvoptometry.org

III. Profile of Clients of the Board of Optometry

The Board's preliminary assessment is that it has a limited LEP constituency. The Board's primary "service" is licensing and regulating optometrists. All applicants for licensure must meet eligibility requirements, including graduation from an accredited institution, and passing scores of national and state examinations.

The Board currently collects limited demographic information from individuals applying for a license. That demographic information does not include LEP status, or whether they identify as indigenous or as a refugee. Going forward, pursuant to NRS 232.0081(1), the Board will introduce questions specific to preferred language, if the individual identifies as indigenous, and if the individual identifies as a refugee, in its initial licensure applications, license by endorsement applications, and biennial licensure renewal applications.

In addition to licensing and regulating optometrists, the Board interacts with, responds to inquiries from, and accepts complaints against optometrists from members of the public.

The Board is committed to tracking the languages preferred for communication among the individuals with LEP whom the Board serves, so that the Board can better provide meaningful, timely access to the Board's services without regard to any language impediments. The preferred

language of the public and individual receiving services from the Board is US English. The most common methods for the public to access services are through the Board's website, email communication, and telephone calls to the Board office.

IV. Language Access Services and Procedures

The Board does not have staff who can provide language assistance services, and it does not have any known LEP applicants, registrants, or licensees. Currently, it is not known whether any applicants, registrants, or licensees identify as indigenous or refugee. The Board has never received a request for translation or American Sign Language Services from LEP applicants, registrants, licensees, or the public.

The Board will address language access needs by:

- using one of the active statewide contracts for translation/interpreter services offered by the State, found at: https://purchasing.nv.gov/Contracts/Documents/Translation_Interpretation/
- providing Notice of Language Assistance Services

All staff will be made aware of appropriate language assistance services. Those seeking services may also request language assistance by contacting the Board at admin@nvoptometry.org which is posted on the Board's website.

V. Implementing The Language Access Services

In order to fulfill the goals of this Plan, the Language Access Coordinator will provide staff with the necessary training to ensure that staff are familiar with the Language Access Plan and its related policies. This training will include:

- How to respond to LEP individuals via telephone, writing, or in person.
- How to seek assistance with internal or state sanctioned language access resources.
- How to document the mode of communication and preferred language of an LEP individual to better understand the needs of those accessing services and ensure that equitable access is available throughout the duration of their interactions with the Board.
- How to report these interactions to the Language Access Coordinator.

In addition to staff training, the Board will use the internal and state sanctioned resources to provide information in languages other than English.

VI. Evaluation of and Recommendations for the Language Access Plan

The Board is committed to providing LEP individuals full access to its services and is committed to monitoring the policies and procedures stated above to ensure that LEP Nevadans are receiving equitable access to Board services. The Language Access Coordinator will continue to develop and monitor this plan, and update it biennially based on applicant data and language accommodation requests documented by staff and demographic data obtained through surveys.

The Board will also track any costs it may incur by using external, state sanctioned resources. The Board is exempt from the State Budget Act; all expenses are paid from fees received from licensees and applicants seeking to become a licensee.

Suggested Legislative Amendments:

Independent regulatory Boards that do not have staff capacity to perform language access roles could benefit from a State-assigned liaison that works for the Governor's Office of New Americans to provide those duties for the Boards on an as needed basis, similar to an assigned Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Materials for Item No. 6 re

- Minutes for August 28, 2024 regular Board meeting

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING August 28, 2024

- Action Item 1. Roll Call, Call to Order,** President Mariah Smith, O.D. opened the live meeting at 12:00 p.m.
- Welcome, and Introductions.** Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Todd Weiss, Esq., and Board members Mariah Smith, O.D., Jeffrey Austin, O.D., Julieta Alamo-Leon, O.D, and Sally Balecha were present via Zoom, Meeting ID: 829 5827 9665, Passcode: 089267, telephone 1 669 900 6833. Executive Director Adam Schneider attended in-person at Nevada Business Center, Red Rock Room, 3300 W. Sahara Ave., 4th Floor, Ste. 440, Las Vegas, NV 89102.
- Public Comment.** President Smith invited public comment, acknowledging that later in the session public comment would be elicited for the workshop. No comments provided.
- Action Item. Consideration and approval of Minutes for July 31, 2024 regular Board Meeting.** Dr. Alamo moved to accept as drafted. Dr. Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Action Item. Consideration and approval of Minutes for July 31, 2024 Notice of Intent to Take Action on Regulation (R101-24).** Dr. Smith moved to accept as drafted. Dr. Alamo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Action Item. Consideration and approval of Minutes for July 31, 2024 Workshop (R066-19(12)).** Dr. Smith moved to accept as drafted. Dr. Alamo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Action Item. Subcommittee formation for updated OSLE incorporating NRS 636 post-AB432 codification.** Director Schneider discussed the need to update the OSLE in light of AB 432's codification in NRS 636, and do so timely in light of Complaint 24-11's settlement terms. Dr. Smith asked to pull the analytics from the current test to know the most frequently missed questions to re-work or replace. Director Schneider stated he is in contact with NBEO's OSLE department for that data. Dr. Smith nominated Dr. Austin to head the subcommittee with

Dr. Smith and Dr. Alamo submitting some additional questions. Dr. Alamo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Action Item. Dr. Abrams' job posting. Director Schneider noted this item was contained in the July workshop meeting materials, discussed at the workshop, and was requested to be on this Agenda. Director Schneider stated there are no statutes and codes in 636 governing job advertisements and the Board has no jurisdiction over OMD job postings. Director Schneider described the job posting and any licensee has a responsibility to enter into an employment agreement that is legal. Dr. Austin commented the job posting is offering employment based upon the benefits being offered, but that the Board does not have jurisdiction over Dr. Abrams. Dr. Austin suggested Director Schneider contact the physician recruiter listed in the job posting to advise about Nevada optometry law as to independent contractor allowance but prohibition on employment with an OMD or private equity, and thus prohibition on the job advertisements' listed benefits, and that any licensee who agrees to those terms would be subject to discipline and potentially having his or her license suspended or revoked. Dr. Alamo agreed with Dr. Austin's plan, that a Nevada licensee needs to know Nevada optometry law, and that until a licensee accepts the employment terms there is nothing the Board can do, nor any ability to reprimand any MD. Dr. Austin stated the rationale for this letter would help prevent any licensee from violating the law in advance. Dr. Smith moved for Director Schneider to draft a letter consistent with Dr. Austin's suggestions, with Dr. Alamo noting the Board has no jurisdiction to mandate the job posting be taken down. Dr. Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Action Item. Director Schneider presented Complaint 25-05 in a double-blind manner. Director Schneider discussed the Eyeglass Rule, the treatment at issue in April 2024 with the manifest refraction listing the add power but the patient wanting reading glasses which do not include an add power, the public complaint in July 2024 is about a staff member not providing the add power, the licensee knows about the complaint but does not provide the patient with the add power, the licensee modifies the prescription on August 1 to include the add power, the spouse calls the clinic on August 9 about missing PDs (pupillary distance), and a Senior Care Plus request on August 20 to prove an add power was provided. The licensee's office manager was not able to provide proof the prescription with the add power was provided to the patient because they no longer have access to the employee who is presumed to have provided it. Director Schneider stated he contacted the complainant by phone and in writing if the add power was ever provided to her, and no response from the complainant thus far. Dr. Smith after her review of the redacted materials believed it was a miscommunication regarding the differences between PDs and add powers, and that nobody is a bad player in this particular situation. Dr. Austin agreed. Dr. Alamo agreed, and commented it was an EMR issue. Colloquy on the facts of the investigation at present. Colloquy on patients' confusion of add power versus PDs. Colloquy on the Senior Care Plus's request and the licensee staff's response to that request. Dr. Austin moved for Director Schneider to issue a letter to the licensee directing the licensee to send the full prescription including the add power by certified mail with return receipt and provide the Board with the return receipt for the Board to then close this file. Dr. Alamo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Executive Director report re licensing transactions since start of FY2025. Director Schneider stated the below list:

7/25/2024 - 8/21/2024	FY2025 cumulative
New licenses: 0	4
Licenses by endorsement: 2	2
Glaucoma: 0	0
OPAC: 6	9
Fictitious Name: 3	3
Location changes: 6	9
Additional locations: 13	22
LOGS: 3	11
PRR: 0	4
Refunds: 0	1
Mobile: 0	0
Substitute location: 1	1
Public complaints: 0	5
2026-2028 CE review: 0	1

11. Executive Director report re Certificate of Deposit renewal. Director Schneider reported the CD that the Board approved is making return on investment, it has been renewed for another 150 days at 4% due to a drop in rates from 5%, and he is in communications with Dr. Alamo as the new CFO.

12. Executive Director report re Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services 8/12/2024 hearing for R101-24. Director Schneider reported that because portions of R101-24 dealt with the issuance of a license, he attended this Committee meeting to provide testimony for R101-24. The Committee had no questions. R101-24 is presently with Legislative Counsel Bureau, with another meeting Director Schneider will attend to provide testimony on September 13, 2024.

13. Executive Director report re Department of Business and Industry 8/13/2024 meeting. Director Schneider reported he attended this meeting with other EDs and general counsels about possible restructuring of Boards into “super boards” and consolidation of all Nevada licenses in one website and using the Iowa’s DIAL website as the template. Director Schneider stated he would continue to advise the Board of this issue as it progresses.

14. Public Comment. President Smith invited public comment. Dr. Koplow commented that Dr. Abrams’ job post is similar to others and comes from the AOA’s website if the Board wanted additional persons to send the same kind of letter to in order for the MD community to be aware of optometry law. Dr. Abrams is the name on the practice, but not the owner. Thus anybody who works for the practice works for the PE, which begs the question is the OMD doing the advertising or is the non-licensee PE doing the advertising. He asked if the NSBO have a position on the “super board” idea. Dr. Smith stated that idea has been presented before and never come to fruition, so no need to worry until further steps occur.

15. Action Item. Dr. Smith moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Dr. Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 1230 p.m.

26 persons attended virtually, inclusive of Board members and Deputy Attorney General. No role call conducted or sign-in sheets provided.

1 person attended in-person, inclusive of the Executive Director. No role call conducted or sign-in sheets provided.

These minutes were considered and approved by majority vote of the Nevada State Board of Optometry at its meeting on September 26, 2024.

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FY 2024-2025 Regular meeting schedule

Thursday 9/26/2024 12:00p.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom
Wednesday 10/30/2024 12:00p.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom
Wednesday 12/11/2024 12:00p.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom

These minutes were considered and approved by majority vote of the Nevada State Board of Optometry at its meeting on September 26, 2024.

Adam Schneider, Executive Director

Materials for Item No. 7 re

- Minutes for August 28, 2024 Workshop re R066-19(12)

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



MINUTES OF WORKSHOP RE: R066-19 SECTION 12(3)-(4) August 28, 2024

1. **Welcome and introductions.** President Mariah Smith, O.D. opened the live meeting at 12:31p.m.¹ Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Todd Weiss, Esq., and Board members Mariah Smith, O.D., Jeffrey Austin, O.D., Julieta Alamo-Leon, O.D, and Sally Balecha were present via Zoom, Meeting ID: 829 5827 9665, Passcode: 089267, telephone 1 669 900 6833. Executive Director Adam Schneider attended in-person at Nevada Business Center, Red Rock Room, 3300 W. Sahara Ave., 4th Floor, Ste. 440, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

2. **Public Comment.** President Smith invited public comment. Dr. Christensen stated in his opinion that R066-19(12) is sufficient already, he has not heard a basis for the changes for what the current version does not address nor that the suggested changes do anything to protect optometric independence. Dr. Christensen described his suggested submitted revisions, including the concern that removing section 3 could be interpreted as the prohibition of the relationships listed in section 3. He questioned the intent of NOA's proposed section 4(e) and possible differing interpretations of it including possible prohibition of entering into franchise agreements based upon a percentage of retail sales.

Dr. Kopolow stated the problem that there is a website of a non-licensee that represents that it owns a Nevada optometric practice. Owning a practice by a non-licensee is illegal. There is a disconnect on what is happening, compared to what the law says. He had no objections to Dr. Christensen's proposed changes, but wanted clarification on sections 3 and 4.

Dr. Stephanie Lee stated when she was on the Board, licensees from practices other than Dr. Kopolow's or Dr. Christensen's were filing complaints themselves against their practice management regarding lack of access to records or being able to provide emergency patient care. The intent of these laws is to address those issues. The intent is not to pursue licensees who are practicing within the law.

In reviewing Dr. Christensen's proposal for a new section 3 which was section 4, Dr. Smith asked Drs. Kopolow and Girisgen if they had any objections. Dr. Girisgen responded NOA has no objections to that, so long as the NOA's proposed section (e) is included that a non-licensee cannot own or share in the profits of any Nevada optometric practice; reason being it aligns with other portions of Nevada

¹¹ This Workshop occurred immediately after the Board's regular meeting on August 28, 2024 12pm.

optometry law, and avoids the licensee being manipulated by the non-licensee. Dr. Christensen asked the NOA to clarify its position on an arrangement where the franchise pays a portion of sales to the franchisee. Dr. Kopolow responded that was not the intent of NOA's proposed section (e) because the franchisor has no ownership and it was not the sharing of profits and instead allows the licensee to use brand names. As far as sharing of revenues, that only has to do with sharing of materials, and the sharing of revenues is not new and is old law. Discussion between Dr. Christensen and Dr. Kopolow as to NOA's reference to lease prohibitions, and Dr. Kopolow stating that up until this point that was the only association that was expressly allowed.

Dr. Girisgen suggested the elimination of "or shares in profits" be removed from NOA's proposed section (e), as reinforcement of Nevada optometry law.

Dr. Austin stated it is okay that Nevada optometric laws reinforce themselves.

Dr. Kopolow asked why does a website state that a non-licensee owns a Nevada optometry practice, not as an accusation but why does it say so, bearing in mind the Board does not have any purview over what private equity does. He agrees with Dr. Girisgen's suggestions to remove "or shares in profits" from NOA's proposed section (e).

Dr. Chen Young stated he was on the Board when R066-19(12)(3) was drafted, and it was not intended to provide a loophole for non-licensee ownership of an optometric practice. If the Board votes to remove section 12(3), he could understand why it could be misinterpreted but the intent was not to create non-licensee organization loopholes for optometry practice ownership. Because the Board cannot discipline or investigate non-licensee organizations, this is why those non-licensee organizations cannot be allowed to own optometric practices. Non-licensee organization ownership does not increase access or availability of healthcare to the public. Dr. Young wondered if a licensee's contract with an MSO or PE to handle payroll and HR is a just workaround to the MSO or PE owning the practice.

Director Schneider summarized workshop law and the processes for regulation codification process, the Board's need to vote on proposed language, then the Board voting at its next regular meeting approving the proposed language. DAG Weiss agreed with Director Schneider's summary of the relevant law.

Director Schneider clarified from NOA's proposed revisions a strikethrough in (1)(b), adding three words in section 3, using section (e) but removing "or shares in profits" and not including NOA's proposed subsection (f).

Maria Nutile questioned Director Schneider about the workshop process and a deadline from August 12, 2024, and allowance for others to comment on Dr. Christensen's proposed revisions. Director Schneider explained the differences between a workshop process and regular meeting process. Director Schneider explained the sequence of events of a workshop on July 31, 2024, a possible agreement at the conclusion of that workshop, a second workshop presently being conducted, a Newsletter and public postings of the second workshop for commentary with a deadline for written submissions on August 21, 2024; the rationale being to allow enough time for the Board to analyze such materials to provide a more effectual workshop process. Ms. Nutile believed the process was not leading to any more clarity on what is already covered by the statute, and the Board not enforcing the statute is a different issue than what is already stated in the statute. Ms. Nutile questioned why the law needs to be repeated in another form which in her opinion could only lead to ambiguity.

Ms. Nutile sought clarification of the NOA's usage of "obfuscate" in its proposed section (e). Colloquy as to "obfuscate" versus "obviate," Director Schneider's suggestion of "abrogate" of which Ms. Nutile agreed, and Dr. Austin's suggestion of "eliminate" of which Dr. Girisgen agreed.

Dr. Young asked if Director Schneider stated that section 1(b) was going to be eliminated. Director Schneider clarified that only "other than the physician" would be eliminated in section 1(b), and in section 3 "business or entity" is being added. Dr. Young reiterated the need to protect the public.

Colloquy and agreement as to "eliminate" replacing "obfuscate" in proposed section (e).

Dr. Smith moved for Director Schneider to write a revised/proposed R066-19(12) consistent with the workshop discussions. Dr. Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Schneider stated the next regular meeting is September 26, 2024 12pm.

3. Action Item. Dr. Smith moved to adjourn. Dr. Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Workshop adjourned at 1:09p.m.

26 persons attended virtually, inclusive of Board members and Deputy Attorney General. No role call conducted or sign-in sheets provided.

1 person attended in-person, inclusive of the Executive Director. No role call conducted or sign-in sheets provided.

These minutes were considered and approved by majority vote of the Nevada State Board of Optometry at its meeting on September 26, 2024.

Adam Schneider, Executive Director

Materials for Item No. 8 re

- proposed R066-19(12) per August 28, 2024 Workshop results

R066-19 Section 12 proposed revisions

1. If an optometrist forms an association or other business relationship with a physician pursuant to NRS 636.373, the optometrist must:

- (a) Comply with any applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Service;
- (b) Maintain financial and organizational independence from any person who is not licensed to practice optometry, ~~other than the physician~~; and
- (c) Ensure that any advertising, marketing and promotional materials accurately portray the position of the optometrist within the association or business relationship, including, without limitation, whether the practice of the optometrist is included within any assumed or fictitious name used by the association or other business relationship.

2. An optometrist shall not employ or be employed by a physician.

~~3. An optometrist may form an association or other business relationship with a person, other than a physician, who is not licensed to practice optometry to perform duties concerning the operation of the business. Such duties must be limited to duties concerning the operation of the business and may include, without limitation, performing services related to payroll, human resources, real estate, regulatory matters not related to health care, banking, accounting, administration of benefits, marketing, merchandising, occupancy, accounts payable, accounts receivable, supply chain management, business development, business administration, labor, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, purchasing and medical billing.~~

~~4. An optometrist who forms an association or other business relationship with a person who is not licensed to practice optometry pursuant to subsection 3 shall:~~

4. 3. An optometrist who forms an association or other business relationship with a person, business, or entity who is not licensed to practice optometry, including, but not limited to, relationships formed for purposes of providing the optometrist support in the operation of the business, such as payroll, human resources, business development, banking, supply chain management, medical billing and business administration shall:

- (a) Comply with any applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Service;
- (b) Maintain organizational and financial independence from the person who is not licensed to practice optometry and ensure that the person who is not licensed to practice optometry ~~is not involved in~~ **shall not dictate, control or influence:**

- (1) Clinical decisions;
- (2) Scheduling of patients;
- (3) Any decision concerning scope of practice or use of facilities, equipment or drugs; or
- (4) Any other decision concerning the provision of care to a patient or the outcome of any treatment or other service provided to a patient; ~~and~~

(c) Ensure that any advertising, marketing and promotional materials accurately portray the position of the optometrist within the association or business relationship, including, without limitation, whether the practice of the optometrist is included within any assumed or fictitious name used by the association or other business relationship; **and**

(d) No association or other business relationship entered into by an optometrist with a person who is not licensed to practice optometry shall alter or lessen the optometrist's

ultimate responsibility for all exercises of professional or clinical judgment with regard to the conduct of the optometrist's professional practice or patient care.

(e) Nothing in this section shall eliminate a licensee's responsibility pursuant to NRS 636.373, NAC 636.240 and NAC 636.250 to not engage with any person, business, or entity not licensed to practice optometry who owns any part or portion of any Nevada optometry practice.

Materials for Item No. 9 re

- updated license renewal application draft

Private: Biennial License Renewal 2026-2028

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Do not use this renewal application to change/add a practice location FOR ANY REASON. To change/add a location, submit the appropriate form under the For Optometrists tab on the website first, then complete the renewal application.

OPTOMETRY LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION



To submit this application by mail, Click here to download and print this form

Since your prior license application and/or license renewal application, have you legally changed your name?

- Yes (If yes, email admin@nvoptometry.org a copy of your legal name change document, court order granting petition for name change, or marriage license).
- No

My full name at the time of my prior license application and/or license renewal application was *

I wish to change my name to, and to display on my optometry license certificate as *

Where would you like your new certificates mailed to: *

By my signature at the conclusion of this application to renew my license to practice optometry in the State of Nevada, I, *

License Number *

1. Are you currently obligated by Court Order for the payment of child support? *

Yes No

2. Are you currently in your obligations under any Court ordered child support?

Yes No

3. During the current licensing period, has the DEA or the federal government disciplined you, taken any action on your prescribing privileges, or have you voluntarily surrendered your DEA number, allowed it to lapse, or had a limited certificate issued?

Yes No N/A

4. Has any licensing jurisdiction, DEA or a state drug enforcement authority ever imposed discipline on you or limited your ability to prescribe? *

Yes No N/A

5. If you answered Yes to Question #4, when and where? *

6. Do you hold a Nevada OPAC (Optometric Pharmaceutical Agents Certificate) formerly known as TPA (Therapeutic Pharmaccutical Agents)? *

Yes (50 CE credit hours are required to renew your license)

No (40 CE credit hours are required to renew your license)

See Board Policy no. 5 for CE details <https://nvoptometry.org/board/policies/>

7. Have you registered for a PMP (Prescription Monitoring Program) Account with the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy? *

Yes (If yes proceed to Question #8)

No (If no proceed to Question #9)

8. Pursuant to NRS 453.164(7), at least once each six months do you confirm all PMP entries attributed to your name/license are correct and non-fraudulent? *

Yes No

9. My DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) number is: (If you do not have a DEA#, type "N/A") *

10. My CS (Controlled Substance) number with the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy is: (If you do not have a CS#, type "N/A") *

Note: If you have a CS#, 2 of your 50 CE hours are required to be related to prescribing opioids, addiction, substance abuse, and/or pain management.

11. Have you been convicted of any drug or alcohol related offense within the current licensing period? *

Yes No

12. If you answered Yes to Question #11, when, where and case number. *

13. Has the State of Nevada or any jurisdiction issued you a business license to offer optometric services? *

Yes No

14. If I answered Yes to Question #13, my business license number is: *

My business license is held under the following registered legal name *

15. The assumed or fictitious name of this business is

My percentage of ownership in this business is

If the above listed ownership percentage is anything less than 100%, the following is a list of the name and address of each person holding any ownership interest, and percentage of the optometry practice that he or she owns regardless of size, in the business operating under the assumed or fictitious name at this location. If any owners of the business at this location are entities (such as corporations, companies, partnerships or trusts), I have provided a list of each of those entities' owners in the "Comments" section of this application.

Additional owner(s): If this business operating under the assumed or fictitious name at this location has additional owners, add each of them below by clicking the

16. Have you ever served in the Military? *

Yes No

17. If you answered Yes to Question #16, please provide dates of service: *

From

To

18. Branches of Service (Check all that apply)

- Army/Army Reserve
- Marine Corps/Marine Corps Reserve
- Navy/Navy Reserve
- Air Force/Air Force Reserve
- Coast Guard/Coast Guard Reserve
- National Guard
- Other

19. Has your spouse ever served in the Military? *

Yes No

20. If you answered Yes to Question #19, please provide dates of service: *

From

To

21. Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?

- Yes (If you were honorably discharged answer Yes)
- No

22. Have you ever been assigned to duty for a minimum of 6 continuous years in the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?

- Yes (If you were honorably discharged answer Yes)
- No

23. Have you ever served the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States in the capacity of a commissioned officer while on active duty in defense of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?

- Yes (If you were honorably discharged answer Yes)
 No

The Board is required to ask Questions #24-27 pursuant to newly codified law in May 2024.

24. Pursuant to NRS 232.0081(1), do you consider yourself a person of "limited English proficiency"? (NRS 232.0081(5)(e) defines "limited English proficiency" as "a person who reads, writes or speaks a language other than English and who cannot readily understand or communicate in the English language in written or spoken form, as applicable, based on the manner in which information is being communicated.")*

- Yes No

25. Pursuant to NRS 232.0081(1)(b)(2), what is your preferred language? *

26. Pursuant to NRS 232.0081(1)(b)(4), do you consider yourself an indigenous person? *

- Yes No

27. Pursuant to NRS 232.0081(1)(b)(5), do you consider yourself a refugee? *

- Yes No

Preferred Board Communication Mailing Address *

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Preferred Board Communications Email address* *

Preferred Board Communications Phone number* *

Public Mailing Address *

Street Address

City

State

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Choose From Below Options *

- I wish to RENEW AN INACTIVE LICENSE (\$500.00 for 2-year license)
 I wish to RENEW AN ACTIVE LICENSE (\$750.00 for 2-year license and one practice location)

RENEW AN ACTIVE LICENSE

Choose One:

- Primary Practice location address. (In the event you do not practice in Nevada but wish to have an active license, use your home address as your primary location)
 Substitute optometry certificate. (This option is for "fill-in" or "floating" optometrists and requires that you submit a quarterly log of your substitute optometrist locations to admin@invoptometry.org. If you plan on practicing at a single location for more than 28 days per biennial renewal cycle, do not choose this option. Alternatively, you may choose to use your home address in lieu of a primary practice location and use your 28 fill-in days before you are required to submit a Request for Additional Practice Location)


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I have included \$200.00 to renew each practice location listed below for the upcoming 2-year licensing period.

Additional practices: If you have a primary practice location, but wish to also hold a substitute optometrist certificate, enter "substitute" in the field provided for Address below. If you merely have additional practice locations, add each of them below by clicking the .

Address, City, Zip

Penalty Fee

Active license renewal fee

\$750.00

Additional practice locations fee

\$200.00 X 1

\$500.00

Total

\$1,450.00

By submitting this information and checking this box, I affirm that each document related to this application for renewal is complete and correct and that all information contained in this submission is true under the pains and penalties of perjury and the requirements of NRS Chapter 636 and NAC Chapter 636 and Nevada law generally. I also acknowledge that if I have directed or authorized another person to complete or submit this information on my behalf, I, the optometrist licensed by the Nevada State Board of Optometry, am fully responsible for the content of the submission. My CE, as required by Board Policy #5, has already been submitted to the Board or is being submitted with this application.

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If you previously submitted CE's to NSBO and received a CE Acceptance Code, please enter code or N/A.

0 of 10 max characters

I authorize the preceding sum to be charged to my credit card to the account of the Nevada State Board of Optometry.

Name *

Date *

Billing Address *

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