
New and Revised Optometry Statutes

Effective 10/1/2025, NRS 636 (Optometry) will have new and revised statutes- [AB183 Text](#)

The Board especially wants to thank Assemblymember Dr. Greg Koenig for sponsoring the bill. His testimony was vital in the bill passing unanimously. The below is sent as a courtesy summary. The Board emphasizes it is the licensee's responsibility to read, know and adhere to these laws:

- Sections 1-2 defines the Board's purpose, and that a license is a revokable privilege;
- Section 3 gives the Board a cease and desist process in the event the Board is made aware of a bad actor licensee or an illicit scheme;
- Section 5 and 9.5 clarifies the definition of "pharmaceutical agent";
- Sections 6-7 adds another optometrist as a Board member;
- Section 8 clarifies any applicant for license by endorsement must have passed the NBEO (and not any alternative test such as the Canadian OEBC);
- Section 9 regards OPACs and eliminates the OMD 40-hour attestation component (but maintains that the applicant must have passed the TMOD);
- Section 10 regards glaucoma endorsement and eliminates the requirement that the OMD has to be Nevada-licensed;
- Section 11 allows the Board to order a licensee appear at a hearing to aid in an investigation;
- Sections 12-13 expands the definition of optometry to include optometric telemedicine;
- Sections 14 and 16 provide for a category of administrative fines that would not be reportable to the National Practitioner Databank;
- Section 15 now includes permanent incapacity to the statute regarding the death of a solo practitioner and the timing to transfer of ownership.

Effective 10/1/2025, NRS 686A.135 (vision insurance and vision benefit plans) will have new and revised subsections- [AB448 Text](#)

Board Member vacancy/application

Effective 10/1/2025 the Board will add a fourth optometrist member. The Board has no input into this appointment and is exclusively the decision of the Governor's office. Eligibility requirements are listed in NRS 636.035(1)(a) and (2)- [NRS: CHAPTER 636 - OPTOMETRY](#)

To apply for this voluntary position, review and complete Steps #2 and #3 here- [Boards](#) The notarized waiver and any additional application materials can be sent via email to boards@gov.nv.gov or by mail to the Governor's office, located at 1 State of Nevada Way, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Note the opening is not listed on the State's Board website because it is not a "vacancy" until 10/1/2025. Therefore the Board has made arrangements with the Governor's office in advance so that applications can still be submitted before 10/1/2025.

Change of Ownership reminders

Any change in ownership percentage of your optometry practice must be provided to the Board within 90 days. Failure to do so may result in discipline from the Board. The form will have you attest that you conferred with all owners and who have agreed with the ownership information provided. Thus for practices owned by multiple optometrists, only one submission from one of the owner-optometrists is required for that new change of ownership percentage, per location. <https://nvoptometry.org/fictitious-name-application/>
