



John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Barbara J. Kelley
Executive
Director
Cindy Klyn
Program
Director

February 2011

BOARD OF OPTOMETRIC EXAMINERS

NEW LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 10-124 enacts the "Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act of 2010" to extend reporting requirements to many health care professionals who apply for or renew a license, certification, or registration, on or after July 1, 2011. This includes all the optometrists licensed in Colorado. The Division of Registrations is in the implementation process at this time. For those actively licensed on July 1, 2011, the requirements will not take effect until the license renewal period in 2013. Please remember to visit the optometry website periodically as additional information and new updates are provided.

RULEMAKING

The Colorado Board of Optometric Examiners held several rulemaking hearings between 2009 and 2010. The rules have been updated and posted to the optometry website at www.dora.state.co.us/optometry as they became effective. Please continue to watch for notices of rulemaking.

SELF - REPORT

When convicted of a felony the information needs to be reported to this office. Include a copy of the court documents along with your license information.

If your optometric license is disciplined in another state, you need to self-report to this office. Include a copy of the disciplinary document along with your licensure information in Colorado.

All documents should be sent to: Board of Optometric Examiners, Suite 1350, 1560 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202.

2011 SUNSET

Colorado's Optometrists Practice Act is under Sunset review this coming year in the legislature. The Sunset process is an opportunity to look critically at the statutes to determine whether regulation by the Department of Regulatory Agencies is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare. In addition, the operation of the agency is reviewed to ensure consistency, efficiency and effectiveness; and evaluate if administrative and statutory changes are necessary to improve the regulation of its practice.

BOARD MEMBERS

Michelle Sancho Marlatt, OD
President

Alison House, OD
Vice President

Parker Call, OD
Secretary

Julia D. Kimball, OD
Board Member

Paul Conkling, OD
Board Member

Richard Lontine Chavez
Public Member

Carolyn E. Vitale
Public Member

Contact us:

Board of Optometric Examiners

1560 Broadway, Suite 1350
Denver, Colorado 80202
Tel.: 303-894-7800

Website:

[www.dora.state.co.us/
optometric](http://www.dora.state.co.us/optometric)

For more information
contact:

Cindy Klyn

Program Director
Tel.: 303.894.7898
Email:
cindy.klyn@dora.state.co.us

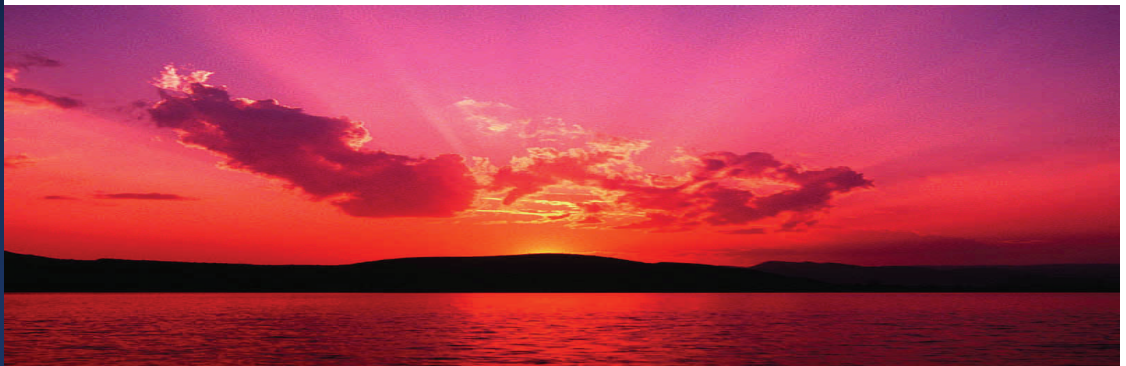
You may also contact:

Moses Choi

Administrative Assistant
Tel.: 303.894.7429
Email:
moses.choi@dora.state.co.us



Consumer protection
is our mission



PROOF OF LAWFUL PRESENCE



Effective January 1, 2007, all persons requesting original licensure, renewal of an active license or reinstatement of a lapsed license must verify lawful presence in the United States based on the passage of House Bill 06S-1009. This bill applies to all applicants and licensees in the Division of Registrations, with the exception of apprentices, interns, and businesses.

Licenses will not be issued or renewed without completing the Affidavit of Eligibility form.

The good news is that you can complete this affidavit online when you renew using Registrations Online Services!

You must possess at least one secure and verifiable document and include information about that document on the Affidavit itself (or provide the information during online renewal). The list of secure and verifiable documents is available to you when you renew online.

More information regarding this law is available on our website at

www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MAILING OR EMAIL ADDRESS LATELY?

It is imperative that you keep your contact information updated with the Division. The Division mails renewal notices and other information to you at the last address furnished to us. Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve you of your obligation to timely renew.

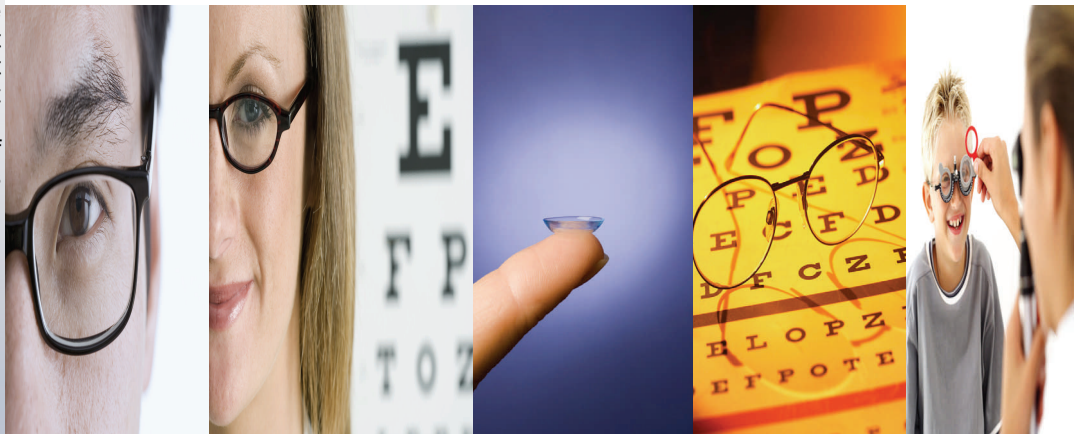
Once you have logged into Registrations Online Services, check your mailing address and update it if it is not correct. If you received your renewal notice due to a forwarding order it is important that you change your address on file with us, since we cannot change the information based on the forwarding order.

You should also add or update your email address. The Division wants to keep you abreast of legislation, events and other information that impact your profession. We have recently implemented "eUpdates" and look forward to providing more of these in the future.



HOW ARE RENEWAL FEES SET?

By law, the Office must operate strictly with funds collected from the persons it regulates, with no support from the State's General Fund. The Colorado Legislature determines the budget for the Office. Once the Legislature sets the budget, the money must be raised through fees. The good news is that these fees are evaluated each year. Therefore, they are modified depending on how much money is anticipated to be received through the registration and renewal processes and what the anticipated expenditures are expected to be. The primary obligation is to protect consumers and the operations of the Office are focused to ensure it can work diligently to do so.



REGISTRATIONS ONLINE SERVICES

Registrations Online Services makes it easier for all licensed professionals to renew and update their contact information after a simple registration process. Check it out at www.dora.state.co.us/registrations and then click on Online Registrations. Services. For detailed instructions on how to use the online system go to www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/FAQs.

WALL CERTIFICATES



For those of you that may be interested, the Division of Registrations is pleased to announce that it has outsourced the production of wall certificates to Wall Certificate Service (WCS) a division of Professional Credential Services, Inc. (PCS). The outsourcing of the certificates provides enhancements to the certificates that both new and existing licensees will find beneficial. Specifically, the certificate provided by WCS is a larger, professionally designed, better quality certificate than what the Division was able to provide. For more information regarding wall certificates, which license types are eligible, and how to obtain one, please visit our website at www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/wallcert. You will be able to order and pay the fee online. The fee for U.S. residents is \$25 and for international residents there is an additional international shipping fee.

DISCIPLINARY AND OTHER ACTIONS

Reported Discipline for 2009 through 2010

Licensee's Name	Date	Disciplinary Sanction
Ivan Grupe, OD	08/19/2009	Letter of Admonition
Clint Kasza, OD	11/20/2009	Letter of Admonition
Tammra Johnson, OD	02/11/2010	Letter of Admonition
Michael Clegg	05/20/2010	Cease & Desist Order
Richard Anderson, OD	09/03/2010	Termination of Stipulation & Final Agency Order

REGISTRATIONS ONLINE DOCUMENTS

If you would like to view a board action you may use the **Registrations Online Documents (ROD)**. ROD is a website that makes certain scanned documents related to board actions taken on licensees available to the public via the Internet. The document may be found on ROD if a licensee had been disciplined or if the board has taken some other non-disciplinary action against the licensee that restricts or limits the individual's license.

The following documents are available via ROD:

- All Stipulations, Final Agency Orders, and Suspensions that were in effect in February 2000 plus any that became effective since that date. Child support suspensions are not available online but may be obtained by contacting the appropriate board/program.
- Any document Revoking or agreeing to a Voluntary Relinquishment/Surrender of license or registration, Cease and Desist Orders and Letters of Admonition from January 1, 1999 to the present.
- All Injunctions.

[Click here](#) for more information about the types of documents provided by this online system and definitions of terms used within the disciplinary documents.

If you are interested in viewing these documents, please visit www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ROD.

RENEW YOUR LICENSE ON TIME!

Optometrists licenses are set to expire on March 31, 2011

You may renew your license online using Registrations Online Services. Renewals are generally made available 6 to 8 weeks prior to the license expiration date and there is a 60-day grace period after the deadline. So that means you typically have a timeframe of 16 weeks within which to renew your license!

Any license not renewed prior to the end of the grace period will be considered expired. Once a license is in expired status, a reinstatement application must be completed and returned to our office with the appropriate fee listed on the form.

If you do not renew your license prior to the end of the grace period and continue to practice, you will be practicing on an expired license and may be subject to disciplinary action. The Division sees a number of situations every year of individuals who have failed to renew their license on time and practiced without a license. The reasons that are offered boil down to some common themes: I forgot; I thought I renewed but I guess I didn't; I moved and I forgot to notify the Board so I never got the renewal notice; I thought that my assistant/secretary/spouse/boyfriend, et cetera, handled it; it's the Board's fault because I *did* renew my license...or I *thought* I renewed my license. The result is that depending on how long it takes for the individual to "remember" to renew, the Division often takes disciplinary action against the individual because it is against the law to practice without an active license.

So, here's where we need your help. And the steps are just 1-2-3 easy!

1. Go to the Division of Registrations website at www.dora.state.co.us/registrations and click on Registrations Online Services to renew your license.
2. Note the expiration date in your calendar to remind yourself of when it is time to renew your license the next time.
3. Make sure that the address listed on your record is accurate. If it is not, then update your address with the Division. Remember to update your address anytime that you move so that you do not miss out on any important notices from the Division.

Remember, it is each licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. With our online system, you can handle all of this yourself, any time, day or night.