

*California State Board of Optometry*  
***Licensee Requirement Overview***

California licensed optometrists are required to notify the Board in writing of the address or addresses where he or she is to engage, or intends to engage, in the practice of optometry. This chart explains how to comply with the various licensing requirements. Please note that All forms and applications are available for viewing, downloading, or printing at the Board's web site, [www.optometry.ca.gov/forms/index/.htm](http://www.optometry.ca.gov/forms/index/.htm).

License Type	Description	Address Change	Name Change	Application Fee	Renewal Intervals	Renewal Fee	Comments
Optometric License (OPT)	License to practice optometry in California at designated "principal place of practice." May be owner or an employee/independent contractor at the location.	Submit on a "Notification of Address Change" form. Include a \$25.00 fee and return current wall/pocket licenses if a duplicate license is desired, which is optional.	Submit on a "Notification of Name Change" form for OPT, BOL and/or SOL form and return current wall/pocket licenses.	\$275.00 (NOTE: Additional fees are charged for certifications. TPA (\$25), Lacrimal Irrigation and Dilution (\$25), and Glaucoma (\$35))	Initial licensure will expire 1-13 months after issuance. After renewal, license will expire biennially.	\$425.00	Completion of the required number of continuing optometric education (CE) hours is required upon renewal (EXCEPT first time renewals if a license was issued within one year of graduation from an accredited school/college of optometry).  A fee of \$50.00 will be charged if a renewal is delinquent.
Statement of Licensure (SOL)	Required for every <u>additional</u> place of practice location where an <b><u>employed/independent contractor</u></b> licensee practices optometry.	Current SOL must be cancelled and a new application submitted.	See above.	\$40.00	Certificate expires on the date of expiration of the optometrist's license	\$40.00	Cancel SOL if no longer employed at the location where SOL was issued by notifying the Board in writing.
Branch Office License (BOL)	Required for two or more additional optometric practices <b><u>owned</u></b> by an optometrist.	Current BOL must be cancelled and a new application submitted.	See above.	\$75.00	Annually (February 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$75.00	Upon change in ownership, cancel the license and apply for a new BOL.  \$25.00 delinquent fee.
Fictitious Name Permit (FNP)	Required if a fictitious name is used in conjunction with the practice of optometry.	Current FNP must be cancelled and a new application submitted.	Current FNP must be cancelled and a new application submitted.	\$50.00	Annually (January 31 <sup>st</sup> )	\$50.00	Upon change in ownership, license must be cancelled and reapplied for.  \$25.00 delinquent fee.