

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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ADVANCING CONSUMER ACCESSIBILITY - BRANCH OFFICE LICENSURE DISCONTINUED

For glasses and contact lens wearers, life can take an abrupt halt when optometric materials go missing or get broken. Having an optometrist office in your area can help lessen these interruptions. That's why [Senate Bill 1386 \(Chapter 334, Statutes of 2018\)](#) is so important to increasing care options for consumers.

Effective January 1, 2019, Optometrists may have up to 11 offices with ownership status in the practice. But there's no longer a need to obtain Branch Office Licenses for those locations. That's right! 2019 brought an end to the Branch Office License and the two-practice minimum.

This means that licensees holding a Branch Office License(s) are required to obtain a Statement of Licensure for their principal place of practice and may operate no more than 10 additional offices. Each of these offices now require Statements of Licensure.

If you formerly held a Branch Office License, please be sure that you have applied for Statement of Licensure for all former Branch Office locations.

[Start your application for Statements of Licensure today](#), and please feel to email the Board at optometry@dca.ca.gov with any questions.

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Cyd Brandvein, President