

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Reminder About Renewing Statements of Licensure and Fictitious Name Permits

To avoid levying delinquency fees—the California State Board of Optometry reminds optometric licensees to renew their Statements of Licensure (SOL) and Fictitious Name Permits (FNP) prior to their expiration dates. Active SOLs and FNPs are required for compliance with California laws and regulations.

Please note: As of January 1, 2018, Branch Office Licenses were discontinued and are no longer used.

Below are key terms and frequently asked questions for determining your location licensing needs. For further information, please contact the Board at (916) 575-7170 or optometry@dca.ca.gov.

KEY TERMS

Principal Place of Practice: Also known as the Address of Record (AOR), this is the location where you post the optometry license that bears your legal name and certification as TPG, TLG, TPA or DPA.

Statement of Licensure: Pursuant to [BPC §3070\(a\)](#), an SOL is needed when an optometrist intends to practice optometry—either as an employee/independent contractor or as an owner in a practice—at any location in addition to their principal place of practice/AOR.

Fictitious Name Permit: Pursuant to [BPC §3078](#), an FNP is needed when an optometrist wishes to run their practice under a pseudonym (any name other than a legal name). The fictitious name must include the words “optometry” or “optometric.”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When don't I apply for a Statement of Licensure? You should not apply for an SOL if you work at only one location. This is your primary location/AOR, and in keeping with current law, where you would post your current optometrist license.

How do I apply for an SOL? This license can be applied for through the [BreEZe website](#), the Board's online application and renewal payment system.

How will I know when it's time to renew an SOL? You will receive a separate renewal reminder for each SOL at the physical location to which each license has been issued.

How much does an SOL cost? The application and renewal fees are \$40.00 each. This license will have the same expiration date as your personal license and must be renewed every two years.

When do I apply for a Fictitious Name Permit? If you intend to practice under a fictitious name (any name other than a legal name), you must first apply for and obtain an FNP from the Board before utilizing that name. This applies to your principal place of practice and/or any additional Statement of Licensure locations at which you would like to utilize a fictitious name.

How much does a FNP cost? The application and renewal fees are \$50 each, and FNPs are renewed annually on January 31 of every year.

How do I apply for an FNP? This license can be applied for through the [BreZE website](#), the Board's online application and renewal payment system.



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