

THE SPECTACLE

The California State Board of Optometry protects the health and safety of California consumers through licensing and regulation of the practices of optometry and opticianry.

SPRING IS HERE!

Welcome to the spring 2024 edition of *The Spectacle!* In this issue, you will find a detailed update on upcoming National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Part III changes; continuing education (CE) courses available in topics of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB); information about eyeglass donation programs; information about the California State Board of Optometry's revised and updated California Laws and Regulations Examination Candidate Information Bulletin; licensing options when ceasing practice; an introduction to the newest board member; information about optician schools; information about the Board's Immunization Certificate; recent enforcement actions; and more. Keep reading to get the latest news and updates from the Board!

Upcoming National Board Part III Exam Changes

The NBEO was established in 1951, and is an independent, nongovernmental, nonprofit organization whose examinations are universally accepted for optometric licensure in the United States and accepted internationally. Its mission is to protect the public by developing, administering, scoring, and reporting results of valid examinations that assess competency in optometry.

The Board uses the following NBEO examinations:

- Part I Applied Basic Science.
- Part II Patient Assessment and Management.
- Part III Clinical Skills.
- Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD).

The NBEO Part III exam—currently called Clinical Skills—will have a new title and, effective August 2024, will be named the Patient Encounters and Performance Skills (PEPS) exam.

The Part III exam had been developed to not only evaluate essential skills, but also to measure a candidate's ability to apply evidencebased knowledge to patient care. The new exam moves beyond the assessment of the physical ability to perform the skill to also measure a candidate's cognitive ability to interpret the result and apply that knowledge directly to patient care.

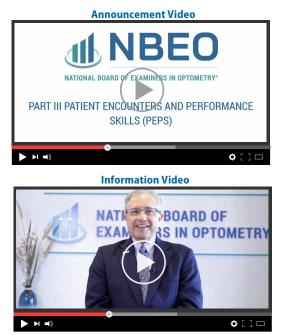
Registration for the next NBEO Part III PEPS examination opened on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

For additional information, please visit the following links on the NBEO website:

- Part III PEPS Candidate Guide.
- Site Information and Equipment List.

- Evaluation Forms
 - » Anterior Segment Skills Evaluation Form.
 - » Posterior Segment Skills Evaluation Form.
 - » Patient Encounters Evaluation Form Candidate Evaluation Form.
- FAQs
- Blueprint/Model.

Here is more information from NBEO regarding the new Part III PEPS exam:



Board Encourages Optometrists to Take Continuing Education Courses on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

The Board is committed to DEIB and embedded its commitment into its values within the amended Strategic Plan, adopted on February 16, 2024. One of the Board's Outreach goals contained in the Strategic Plan is found at Goal 5.7: "Evaluate and create better consumer outcomes such as access to care and addressing patient needs for marginalized populations by implementation of a multi-step action plan educating licensees about concepts of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging." Today, the Board takes yet another step toward fulfilling that goal by releasing a Board/staff researched list of continuing education courses in DEIB. Our previous efforts to educate licensees about concepts of DEIB have included:

- August 26, 2022—A presentation on DEIB by Dr. Ruth Shoge, O.D. (director of DEIB and associate clinical professor, Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of California, Berkeley).
- August 25, 2023—Board action to seek a legislative proposal to encourage optometrist licensees to take CE courses in DEIB.
- December 8, 2023—Strategic planning session embedding DEIB into our 2021–2025 Strategic Plan.

Please note that this is a non-exhaustive list based on Board/staff research. The Board is not responsible for the courses and does not endorse any course beyond indicating whether it qualifies for CE requirements or not. All these courses meet current Board CE requirements by virtue of being COPE (Council on Optometric Practitioner Education) approved or approved by another CE provider authorized by Board laws. Questions regarding any of the courses below should be directed to the course provider. Visit the link under COPE ID to access course information. **Click here to learn more about the CE requirements**.

COPE ID	Course Title	Total Hours	Instructor	Category	Format	Expires
84630-GO	Saving Sight: Eyes on Equity in Black & Hispanic Communities	1	Paula Newsome	General Optometry	Synchronous In-Person	5/18/2024
84688-EJ	Implicit Bias & Your Practice	2	Matthew Roberts	Ethics/ Jurisprudence	Synchronous Virtual	5/18/2024
85051-PB	Implicit Bias and Health Equity	1	Tahira Bedgood	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	6/9/2024
85258-GO	Cultural Competency in Optometry	1	Nitya Murthy	General Optometry	Synchronous In-Person	6/26/2024
86056-PB	ls Cultural Competency a Necessary Optometric Skill	1	Matthew Pearce	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	8/8/2024
86697-PB	AP-DEI Building Blocks: Foundational Concepts for Understanding Diversity Equity and Inclusion in Optometry	1	Janette Pepper	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	8/29/2024
86695-PB	AP-ACE: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fundamentals in Action	1	Janette Pepper	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	8/29/2024
86691-PB	AP-AI-enabled Ophthalmic Biomedicine: Advancing Health Equity	1	Jessica Steen	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	8/29/2024
87154-PB	AP Social Determinants of Health and Access to Eye Care	2	Lucy Kehinde	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	9/14/2024
87134-PB	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Eye Care	1	Janette Pepper	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	9/20/2024

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COPE ID	Course Title	Total Hours	Instructor	Category	Format	Expires
74953-PB	Advancing Health Equity	3.5	Adam Aponte	Public Health	Online Enduring	10/6/2024
88636-PB	Inclusion Matters: Creating an LGBTQ-Affirming Optometry Practice	1	Shane Foster	Public Health	Synchronous In-Person	11/29/2024
78946-PB	Implementing Cultural Competency into Clinical Practice	1	Mari Fujimoto	Public Health	Online Enduring	6/9/2025
81145-PB	JA Health Equity Foundations	1	Abiola Abu-Bakr	Public Health	Online Enduring	10/10/2025
82376-PM	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Eye Care	1	Janette Pepper	Practice Management	Online Enduring	1/6/2026
83201-PB	JA Implicit Bias Training for Healthcare	2	Megan Arbour	Public Health	Asynchronous	2/13/2026
83885-PB	JA Aiming for Equity: Best Practices in Managing Diabetic Eye Disease in Hispanic and Latino Patients	0.5	Jorge Fortun	Public Health	Asynchronous	3/21/2026
83886-TD	JA Aiming for Equity: Best Practices in Managing AMD in Women	0.5	Adrienne Scott	Trt/Mngmnt Ocular Disease	Asynchronous	3/21/2026
83917-PB	JA Implicit Bias: Weight Stigma in Health Care	1	Anne Cockerham	Public Health	Asynchronous	3/23/2026
84016-PB	JA S04: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Pediatric Medicine: An Ethical Discussion	1.5	Gabrina Dixon	Public Health	Asynchronous	3/30/2026
84306-PB	Becoming Culturally Competent and Practicing Cultural Humility to Effectively Identify and Address Implicit Bias and Microaggressions in Health Care	2	Rita Walters	Public Health	Asynchronous	4/20/2026
85028-PB	JA Saving Sight: Eyes on Equity in Black & Hispanic Communities	1	Paula Newsome	Public Health	Asynchronous	6/8/2026
85045-PB	JA Implicit Bias	3	Joanna Nolte	Public Health	Asynchronous	6/9/2026
85346-PB	JA Implicit Bias	2	Joanna Nolte	Public Health	Asynchronous	6/30/2026
87133-PB	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Eye Care	1	Janette Pepper	Public Health	Asynchronous	9/20/2026
89032-PB	JA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Health Care Employee	1.5	Juan Armando Rojas Joo	Public Health	Asynchronous	12/22/2026
89035-PB	JA Implicit Bias for the Health Care Professional	1	Juan Armando Rojas Joo	Public Health	Asynchronous	12/22/2026

Donate Your Used Eyeglasses and Give the Gift of Sight

Vision is an essential part of daily life. Poor vision can negatively affect a person's independence, cognition, and mental health, while increasing the risk of injury. Yet, many people around the world do not have access to the vision care they need, including access to eyeglasses. This is where eyeglass donations come into play. Donating used eyeglasses can make a significant difference in the lives of individuals who cannot afford them on their own, and by helping to improve their vision, help them regain their independence and improve the quality of their lives.

The Need for Eyeglasses

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 2.2 billion people worldwide have a vision impairment or blindness, and at least 1 billion have a vision impairment that could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed. In California, millions of people do not have access to vision care, and children, the elderly, and historically marginalized and underrepresented populations are disproportionately impacted. Many of these individuals live in settings where access to eye care services is limited or non existent. The donation of used eyeglasses could help address this need.

The Impact of Eyeglass Donation

Donating eyeglasses is a simple act that can have a profound impact. Here's how:

- 1. **Improving Lives** Eyeglasses can dramatically improve the quality of life for individuals with vision impairments, enabling them to read, work, and live independently.
- 2. **Promoting Education** For children, having the right pair of glasses can significantly enhance learning and comprehension, leading to better educational outcomes.
- 3. **Boosting Economy** Adults who receive donated glasses can increase their productivity at work, potentially boosting the local economy.

How Eyeglass Donation Works

Organizations collect used eyeglasses and sort them by prescription strength. The glasses are then cleaned and repaired if necessary. These glasses are then distributed to individuals in need, either for free or at a very low cost.

The Board has found the following organizations specifically engaged in collecting and disseminating used eyeglasses. Click these links to learn more:

- Lions Clubs International Lions In Sight.
- Respectacle.
- Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity.

How do these programs work? Typically, the programs partner with locations to establish drop off boxes that collect used eyeglasses. For example, the Lions In Sight program, which has been operating for decades in California and Nevada, has more than 400 drop off locations, with most located in California. The boxes are periodically checked and must be delivered to a Lions In Sight affiliated drop off location or mailed to the Lions In Sight warehouse located in Vallejo. Lions In Sight publishes a list of more than 400 drop off locations, which can be accessed **online**. More than 95% of the locations are in California and donation boxes may be found at diverse places, including grocery stores, optometric colleges, and at many licensed locations across the state such as optometric offices and dispensing locations.

Give the Gift of Sight!

Eyeglass donation is a powerful tool in the fight against vision impairment. By donating your used eyeglasses, you're not just recycling an old item you're giving someone the gift of sight. So, the next time you get a new pair of glasses, consider donating your old ones. It's a small act of kindness that can make a world of difference.

Click to Find an Eyeglass Donation Location



Who's New at the Board?

1. Hi, my name is Alex Clemens.

2. What I do in my day job:

I'm a strategic communications consultant. I advise businesses and people as they talk with the government and the media.



3. I like:

Spending time with my family,

cheering on Bay Area sports teams, finding an undiscovered gem of a restaurant, and playing a friendly game of poker with old friends.

4. I applied for Board membership because:

I believe in the importance of principled, ethical public service. I worked for the local and federal government early in my career and have missed it since leaving. I've worn glasses since age 3. My acute nearsightedness draws me close to the Board's mission.

5. Consumer protection is important because:

Government's most important job is preserving the safety of their people. Making sure that the professionals and companies that serve the public are following the rules is something we should all support.

6. What I hope to achieve as a board member:

Many of my colleagues on the board have years of postgraduate training, plus decades of experience in the field. I'm in a public seat, and I hope to well represent the people who use glasses and contact lenses, and who see opticians and optometrists. I'll work to help amplify the Board's communications with the general public, as well.

7. What does your perfect day look like?

It starts with hot coffee and family time, where the kids show off their latest great test scores; continues at work where I help a client solve a knotty problem; shifts to a happy hour where I catch up on the latest with some political friends; and ends at dinner with my wife at that undiscovered gem of a restaurant mentioned earlier.

8. My personal mantra or motto:

If the elevator tries to break you down, go crazy: Punch a higher floor!

9. What I'm listening to or reading right now:

I'm reading Infinite Jest and The 48 Laws of Power, and listening to Kacey Musgraves and old Pearl Jam. (And yes, this answer could have been 14 pages long.)

10. My superpower is:

Building good teams and empowering colleagues to excel professionally. (A close second: inventing a plausible haiku about anything in 20 seconds or less.)

- 1. Hi, my name is Martin Dawson.
- 2. What I do in my day job: I'm an Academy Manager with Prison Fellowship Ministries.
- **3.** I like: Quality time with my wife and kids.
- 4. I applied for Board membership because:

It's an amazing opportunity to be of service.

- Consumer protection is important because:
 Every person has value and rights—but not always a voice.
- 6. What I hope to achieve as a board member: To be that voice.
- 7. What does your perfect day look like? Maybe a great movie and meal.
- My personal mantra or motto:
 "For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37)
- 9. What I'm listening to or reading right now: DKG KIE, "Detroit Freestyle 4" (listening), and C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity" (reading).

10. My superpower is:

I'm still working on this one. :-)



Subject Matter Expert Recruitment for Exam Workshops and Expert Witnesses

Would you like to earn up to **12 CE hours per renewal period**, get paid up to \$200 per day, and give back to your profession? Become a Board subject matter expert (SME)! The California Laws and Regulations Examination (CLRE) taken by new optometrist applicants is developed by SMEs. Join us to help ensure that the CLRE accurately reflects the tasks and knowledge required to practice in California. All travel, hotel, and meal expenses are reimbursed at the state rate!

Exam development not your thing? The Board also needs expert witnesses to assist the Enforcement Program in protecting consumers of optometric services. An expert witness is any licensee possessing technical or professional knowledge gained from advanced education and/or extensive work experience that enables the individual to form a definite opinion in an area of expertise in the standard of care for the profession. Expert witnesses are asked to review confidential case material, prepare written reports, and possibly testify at administrative hearings. Their reports and/or findings may result in a disciplinary action against an optometrist. The Board pays experts at the rate of:

- \$100 an hour for record review and preparation of a written report.
- \$150 an hour for testimony at a hearing.



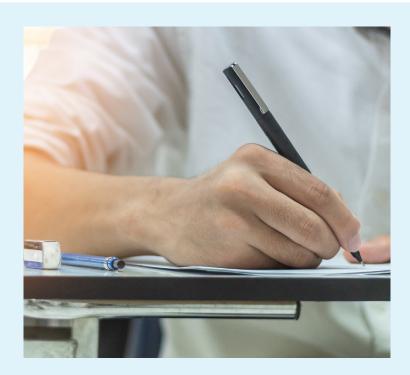
To participate, all licensees must:

- Hold a current active license with a glaucoma certification and be practicing in California.
- Be in good standing with the Board.
- For Exam Development SMEs: Newly licensed optometrists within five years of graduation are highly encouraged to apply!
- For Expert Witness SMEs: Licensed optometrists with technical and professional expertise demonstrating ability to form expert opinions about the standard of care in optometry.

To register as an Exam Development SME, interested licensees please reach out to **dcaopessme@dca.ca.gov**. To apply to be an expert witness for the Board, visit **Expert Witness Recruitment**.

California Law and Regulations Exam Information Bulletin Updated!

The Board is thrilled to announce the release of the **2024 California Law and Regulations Candidate Information Bulletin** (CIB). The CIB is provided to every exam candidate and includes helpful information about testing development, test locations, and instructions for taking and completing the exam. The 2024 CLRE CIB contains working links to the laws and regulations that candidates will need to know to successfully pass the exam. For the first time, the Board is publishing sample questions with an answer key, one from each content area assessed on the exam, to assist applicants in their exam preparations. Every exam candidate is strongly encouraged to read the CLRE CIB. Please access the 2024 CLRE CIB **online**. Email **optometrylicensing@dca.ca.gov** with any questions.



Options Available to Optometrist Licensees When Ceasing Practice

WHEN YOU OBTAIN DELINQUENT STATUS:

- You are not allowed to practice.
- Delinquent Status is obtained by not renewing your license on time.
- License will automatically cancel after three years.
- License can return to Active Status after meeting the following requirements:
 - » Paying required fees and any delinquency fees.
 - » Providing proof of CE compliance (if less than three years in delinquent status).
 - » Taking and passing the CLRE and NBEO Clinical Skills Exam (if more than three years in delinquent status).
 - » Requirements may vary if you have an active license in another state.

Authority cited: Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§ 3040, 3147, 3147.6, 3147.7, 3152.

WHEN YOU OBTAIN INACTIVE STATUS:

- No practice allowed.
- Cannot indicate you have an active license.
- Can be selected on your regular license renewal.
- Must be renewed every two years.
- No CE is required for inactive status renewal.
- Renewal fee is the same as an active license.

License can return to active status with proof of CE compliance and payment of renewal fee, if due.

Authority cited: BPC §§ 700 704.

WHEN YOU OBTAIN RETIRED STATUS:

- No practice allowed.
- Can only use the titles "retired optometrist" or "optometrist, retired."
- Obtained by submitting **an application** and \$25 fee available on BREEZE.
- Cannot be renewed.
- License can return to active status after meeting the following requirements:
 - » Pay required fees and any delinquency fees.
 - » Provide proof of CE compliance (if less than three years in Retired Status). Take and pass the CLRE and NBEO Clinical Skills Exam (if more than three years in Retired Status).

Authority cited: BPC §§ 3151 3152.

WHEN YOU OBTAIN RETIRED VOLUNTEER STATUS:

- Can practice on an unpaid basis only and only at health fairs, visions screenings, and public service eye programs.
- Obtained by submitting **an application** and \$50 fee available on BREEZE.
- Must be renewed every two years.
- Renewal fee is \$50.
- Continuing education is required for renewal.
- License can return to Active Status after meeting the following requirements:
 - » Pay required fees and any delinquency fees.
 - » Provide proof of CE compliance (if less than three years in Retired Volunteer status).

Authority cited: BPC §§ 3151.1 3152.

Please contact **OptometryLicensing@dca.ca.gov** if you have questions about your licensure status.

Optician Training Programs in California

Here in the Golden State, individuals interested in pursuing a career in opticianry have a variety of educational opportunities. The Board's Optician Program has four license types:

- **Registered Dispensing Ophthalmic Business**—For businesses that offer the fit and adjustment of spectacles and/or contact lens and fulfill prescriptions for ophthalmic devices ordered by optometrists or physicians and surgeons.
- **Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser**—For those who have passed the American Board of Opticianry Exam and wish to work in dispensing optical shops.
- Registered Contact Lens Dispenser—For those who have passed the National Contact Lens Examiners exam and wish to work in dispensing optical shops.
- **Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispenser**—For businesses outside of California that ship ophthalmic lenses to consumers within the state.

The following California schools prepare students for optician careers. Click the links below to learn more:

- American Career College, Los Angeles.
- American Career College, Ontario.
- Cañada College.
- Chabot College and CSSO Statewide Optician and Optometric Apprenticeship Program.
- Los Angeles City College.
- Martinez Adult School.
- San Mateo Adult School.
- Sacramento City College
- Southwestern College.
- San Diego City College (coming soon).

The Board also publishes an Optician Program Student Brochure, accessible **online**.

For any optician-related questions, please contact the Board at **opticianlicensing@dca.ca.gov**.

Apply for an Immunization Certificate

Licensed optometrists in California are authorized to administer certain immunizations and order laboratory tests if the following requirements are met:

- Hold a TPA certification.
- Complete an immunization training program endorsed by the CDC or Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Read more by clicking **here**.
- Complete an application for an immunization certificate on a board approved form and pay the fee of \$50. Now on BREEZE!

Optometrists holding an immunization certificate can administer immunizations for the following viruses:

• Influenza, herpes zoster virus, pneumococcus, and SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).

Apply now! If you have questions about the immunization certificate, contact the Board at **optometrylicensing@dca.ca.gov**.

• Be certified in basic life support.

Find Us on Social Media

The Board regularly posts on its social media platforms **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **LinkedIn**, **Threads**, and **X**, formerly Twitter.

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Did you know the Board also has an email list? If social media is not your thing, but you still want to stay up to date with Board updates and happenings like optometry/optician regulations and legislation, public board meeting announcements/agendas, *The Spectacle*, subject matter expert workshops, and all other Board related update subscribe **online**.

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Recent Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

For the most current list of citations issued and disciplinary actions, please visit **https://www.optometry.ca.gov/consumers/ disciplinary.shtml**.

The Board provides information^{*} regarding administrative disciplinary actions for immediate access and convenience of interested persons. You can also access the "**Online License Verification**" to verify if a licensed optometrist has had any disciplinary action taken against their license or to verify the current status of a license.

("While the Board believes the information to be reliable, human or technical error remains a possibility, as does a possible delay in posting or updating information.)

CITE AND FINE

Adams, Paul (OPT 8154)—San Bernardino

On February 13, 2024, a \$2,000 citation was issued to Dr. Paul Matthew Adams, O.D. (OPT 8154), for obstructing a patient from obtaining a prescribed device, refusal to comply with a request for clinical records, and failure to cooperate and participate with a Board investigation (BPC §§ 733(a), 3110(a), 3110(x), and CCR §§ 1582(a)). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile**.

Buu, Thi D. (OPT 11411)—Lake Elsinore

On February 29, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Thi D. Buu. (OPT 11411) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(I). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

Charm, Harry Joel (OPT 5511)—Anaheim

On February 13, 2024, a \$1,000 citation was issued to Harry Joel Charm (OPT 5511) for failing to provide patient records as lawfully requested by the patient and failing to cooperate with a Board investigation. (BPC§§ 3110(a) and (x), 3059(e), CCR §1582(a), HSC §§ 123110(b)(1) and (b)(2). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

Cherno, Mark

On January 9, 2024, a \$1,000 citation was issued to Mark Cherno, for failure to maintain adequate and accurate records for three years after prescriptions were filled. (BPC §§2555.5(a), (n), and CCR §1399.231). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action**.

Devlyn Optical (RDO 71275)—Panorama City

On February 13, 2024, a \$1,000 modified citation via Settlement was issued to Devlyn Optical (RDO 71275), for filling the ophthalmic prescriptions without a valid and current registration, and for advertising optometry services (BPC §§ 651(a), 2555.5(g), 2555.5(p), 2556.5, 2564.91(a), and 17500). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's registration profile.

Hiura, Ronald Neal (OPT 6956)—San Francisco

On February 29, 2024, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Ronald Neal Hiura (OPT 6956) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a) and (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

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Kenkel, Rebecca E. (OPT 14908)—Rolling Hills Estate

On February 29, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Rebecca E. Kenkel (OPT 14908) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal (BPC§§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

Kim, Jennifer Chin (OPT 13944)—Irvine

On February 29, 2024, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Jennifer Chin Kim (OPT 13944) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a) and (j), § 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(I). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

Lamouchi, Manel (OPT 33354)—San Diego

On February 27, 2024, a \$1,050 citation was issued to Manel Lamouchi (OPT 33354) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal (BPC §§ 3110(a),3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

Moore, Alexandra Noelle Kanan (OPT 14778)—Clovis

On January 25, 2024, a \$900 citation was issued to Alexandra Moore (OPT 14778) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC§§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR §1536(b). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

Nguyen, Alain Hong (OPT 11500)—Bakersfield

On February 29, 2024, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Alain Hong Nguyen (OPT 11500) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a) and (j), BPC § 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

Prince, Deborah Lynn (OPT 12242)—San Diego

On February 29, 2024, a \$500 modified citation was issued to Deborah Lynn Prince (OPT 12242) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and

CCR § 1536(b). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.

Truong, Khoa Dang (OPT 11967)—San Diego

On January 23, 2024, a \$2,000 citation was issued to Khoa Dang Truong (OPT 11967) for sexual harassment (BPC §§3110(a), and (m)(1)). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile**.

Turcios, Jr., Robert A. (OPT 7077)—Pleasant Hill

On February 27, 2024, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Robert A. Turcios, Jr. (OPT 7077) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a) and (j), § 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile**.

REVOKED

Smith, Lesha (SLD 42013)—Sacramento

Effective March 7, 2024, the registration of Lesha Smith (SLD 42013), was revoked for a Criminal Conviction and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§490(a), (b), (c), 2555.5(a), (k), and (l)). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's license profile**.

Ask an Analyst is Here! Do you have a general question?

Submit your questions to **optometry@dca.ca.gov** and look for the answer in the next edition of the *The Spectacle*! Be sure to include *The Spectacle* in the subject line.



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How Are We Doing?

The California State Board of Optometry strives to provide the best possible customer service. Please help us by taking a few minutes to complete our brief customer service satisfaction survey here. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



