



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.

SUMMER IS HERE!

Welcome to the summer 2025 edition of The Spectacle! In this issue, you will find:

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Governor Gavin Newsom Appoints Dr. Taylor Tedder, O.D.

Dr. Taylor Tedder, OD, was appointed to the Board by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 29, 2025.

1. WHAT I DO IN MY DAY JOB:

I own and operate independent optometry practices affiliated with Visionworks of America and VSP. We provide comprehensive, high-quality eye care and believe vision is a vital part of living a happy and healthy life. Our provider team prides itself on being community-focused, compassionate, and friendly.

2. I LIKE:

Making a difference—whether at work as an optometrist, at home as a father and husband, or through volunteer projects that positively impact kids and communities.

3. I APPLIED FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE:

Early in my career, I had many colleagues who generously shared their knowledge—teaching me the value of our profession and the critical role optometry plays in delivering primary health care through the eyes. At this stage of my career, I'm in a position to give back and support our fantastic profession to "pay it forward" for the next generation of optometrists.

4. CONSUMER PROTECTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

As optometrists, we take an oath to always put patient care first. Boards like ours help ensure providers keep patient well-being at the forefront by setting guardrails and guidelines for safe, effective, and consistent care. We also have an opportunity to foster collaboration with other professional boards and community leaders, allowing us to work together to deliver the highest standard of care to our patients across the state.

5. WHAT I HOPE TO ACHIEVE AS A BOARD MEMBER:

To continually learn, listen, grow, and strengthen our connection with California's community of optometrists. I want our board to be recognized as "best in class" nationwide—proactive, forward-thinking, and committed to elevating our profession to even greater heights while upholding the core values we have built over time.

6. A PERFECT DAY LOOKS LIKE:

Spending time outdoors with family and friends. I love exploring our state's incredible diversity and beauty and finding new ways to appreciate where we live and work.

7. MY PERSONAL MANTRA OR MOTTO:

Take great care of patients—through exceptional quality of care and an outstanding experience—and you'll always end the day fulfilled.

8. WHAT I'M LISTENING TO OR READING RIGHT NOW:

Currently reading *Edge of Honor*, the latest spy thriller by Brad Thor. I just finished *Shoe Dog*, Phil Knight's memoir about building Nike.

9. MY SUPERPOWER IS:

Growing up in Kansas, my mom taught me an amazing recipe for biscuits and gravy using special ingredients that you can only find in the Midwest. During the holidays, that is my families No. 1 request!

To learn about the Board's members please click here:

[Board Member Informational Page](#)





STATEMENT OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS: IMPORTANT ALERT!

Statement of Licensure (SOL) for Optometrists Practicing at Multiple Locations

As optometrists expand their practices or begin working at additional locations beyond their principal place of practice, each additional location requires a separate **Statement of Licensure**, as required by law.

What is a Statement of Licensure?

To legally practice optometry in California, an individual must hold a valid optometry license issued by the **California State Board of Optometry**. A Statement of Licensure (SOL) allows a licensed optometrist to practice at an additional location other than their **Principal Place of Practice** (Address of record (AOR)).

You must already be licensed to practice in California before applying for an SOL.

Each SOL:

- Is tied to a **specific additional practice location**.
- Has a **unique license number**.
- Must be obtained **separately for each additional location**.
- Will expire at the same time your optometrist license does.
Example: If you apply for an SOL by 10/2/2025 and your license expires on 11/30/2025, the SOL will expire on 11/30/2025.

How to Apply for a Statement of Licensure:

1. **Log into your BreEZe account**
2. Go to the **"Applications"** tab and select Statement of Licensure.
3. \$40 application and biannual renewal fee.
4. Complete the **Statement of Licensure** application for **each** additional practice location.

Application Address Guidelines:

- **Address of Record** in the application, the **secondary location** (new practice site)
- **Principal Place of Practice** —Address of Record associated with your California Optometrist License

Managing Multiple Locations:

If you practice at multiple locations, you must apply for a **separate SOL** for each additional location.

Important Note: If you are no longer working at the location associated to the SOL and/or want to **change the address** on an existing Statement of Licensure, please contact the Board and request to cancel the SOL.

If you want to change the SOL address location:

- You must submit a **written request** to cancel the current registration.
- Then submit a **new application** for the new practice address.

To cancel a Statement of Licensure, email a written request from the licensee to: OptometryLicensing@dca.ca.gov.

Retired Volunteer License Status: Important Alert

As optometrists approach the end of their careers but are not yet ready for full retirement, the Board offers a Retired Volunteer License status. This status allows optometrists to continue contributing their expertise on a volunteer basis, without the demands of full-time practice.

Key Details of the Retired Volunteer License:

- **Practice Scope:** Optometrists holding this license status may only practice on an **unpaid basis** and exclusively at:
 - » Health fairs
 - » Vision screenings
 - » Public service eye care programs
- **Renewal Requirements:**
 - » The license must be renewed **every two years**.
 - » **Continuing education (CE)** is required for renewal.
 - » \$50 fee.

Returning to Active Status:

If an optometrist holding a Retired Volunteer License decides to return to full active practice, they may do so by:

- Paying all required and any delinquent fees.
- Providing proof of CE compliance (*if the license has been in Retired Volunteer status for less than three years*).



How to Apply:

To place your license in Retired Volunteer status:

1. Log in to your **BreEZe** account.
2. Under “**Manage My License**” tab, submit the **Retired Volunteer Application**.
3. Pay the **one-time application fee of \$50**.

Important: If your license is currently due for renewal, you must submit your renewal **after** applying for the Retired Volunteer status, as your license is still considered active. Once approved, you may volunteer your time and services in authorized settings.



Scam Alert!

The Board has learned of an attempted fraud scheme aimed at licensees of the Board. In the scheme, which is communicated by phone, letter, or fax, individuals who identify themselves as Board employees or investigators notify the licensee that they are under investigation, their license may be suspended, or an arrest warrant has been issued in their name and then demand money. In some instances, the individuals identify themselves as Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or other law enforcement agencies. The callers may be “spoofing” Board phone numbers to make the calls appear legitimate.

How to Protect Yourself:

- If you have any doubts or questions about someone claiming to represent the Board, hang up, then call the Board directly at
- (916) 575-7170 or email optometry@dca.ca.gov, even if this looks like the same number you have been being called from.
- Refuse payment. Never provide banking or credit card numbers, or personal information, without first taking steps to verify that the person requesting the information has a legitimate need for it. The Board will never ask for credit/debit information via a letter or over the phone.
- You can also consider simply taking down the caller’s information (including name, title, phone number, and email address), let them know you will follow-up directly with the Board, and end the call.
- You may also consider ending the call without explanation if it appears suspicious or to be a scam.



Continuing Education Requirement Reminders: Important Alert

Did you know that licensees who were licensed within one year of graduation from optometry school are exempt from the continuing education requirements during the first license cycle?

Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1536(i) says: The following licensees shall be exempt from the requirements of this section:

Any licensee who is renewing an active license for the first time, if they graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry less than one year from the date of initial licensure.

Did you know that practice management and business management courses are not acceptable by the Board and will not count toward the required hours?

The Board does not accept business management or practice management courses. While these courses may be important for running your business, they are not acceptable under the Board's laws.

Did you know that your license certification determines how many and what categories of CE you must take?

Non-TPA-licensed optometrists: all non-TPA licensed optometrists must complete 40 hours of Board-approved CE every two-years; renewal period to renew their license as active status.

TPA and TPL-certified licensed optometrists: all TPA and TPL-certified licensed optometrists must obtain 50 hours of CE. Thirty-five of the required 50 hours of continuing education shall be on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular disease in any combination of the following areas:

- Glaucoma
- Ocular infection
- Ocular inflammation
- Topical steroids
- Systemic medication
- Pain medication, including the risks of addiction associated with the use of Schedule II drugs.

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TPG or TLG certified must follow the same continuing education requirements as TPA-certified optometrists. Additionally, glaucoma-certified optometrists are required to complete 10 hours of glaucoma-specific continuing education every license renewal period. These 10 hours shall be part of the 35 hours on the diagnosis and treatment and management of ocular disease.

Did you know that licensees are required by law to keep possession of their CE certificates for four years?

Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1536(k) says:

A licensee shall maintain all course completion certificates on file which are used for renewal purposes for a period of four (4) years from the license renewal date and shall provide these records to the Board upon request or in the event of an audit, if requested, within ten (10) days of the date of the Board's written request for such records.

Did you know CE courses that have AMA PRA Category 1 approval are acceptable under the Board's laws?

Continuing education courses that have AMA PRA Category 1 approval are acceptable under the Board's laws; however, they often only count toward the overall hours — necessary to renew and may not be counted toward the 35 hours of ocular disease required for TPA, TPL, TPG, and TLG licensees.

Are you challenged with keeping your CE records organized?

Did you know that you can capture your CE attendance all in one place? Every optometrist who took the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) licensing examination in the U.S. has an OE TRACKER number that was assigned when they registered for the NBEO exams. CE providers will often ask for your

OE TRACKER number to capture your attendance of their course. If you don't know your OE TRACKER number, you can **look it up** on Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) **website** or NBEO's **website**.

Did you know you can review your CE data all in one place?

Attendance data is often provided to ARBO by CE providers. To view your CE credits, **login to OE TRACKER**. If you notice any CE hours missing and have paid your OE TRACKER subscription fee, you can upload your certificates by going to "Submit Credits into OE TRACKER from CE Certificates" on your OE TRACKER homepage or by using the OE TRACKER mobile app. The ARBO committee known as COPE (Council on Optometric Practitioner Education) will verify the information and add the credits to your account.

Are you challenged in completing your CE requirement because of a medical or personal reason?

Did you know that the Board may grant CE extension or exemptions due to illness, or other good cause such as incapacity or other unavoidable circumstances? Requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to your license expiration date. The Board may deny a request for exemption but, at its discretion, may grant the licensee an extension of up to one year to obtain the required CE.

Please visit this link to access the form: **CE Extension/Exemption Request Form**

Please visit these links to review the continuing education Laws and Regulations:

Business and Professions Code section 3059
California Code of Regulations section 1536

Please contact the Optometry Licensing Unit at **OptometryLicensing@dca.ca.gov** if you have any questions.



Board-Approved Continuing Education Courses Updated and Released

The Board recently released an updated and revised list of Board-approved continuing education courses. These courses were reviewed and approved by the Board's Practice and Education Committee at public meetings. All the courses meet the Board's standards and can help fulfill the continuing education renewal requirements. Please access the Board's continuing education information page here: [Optometrist Continuing Education Informational Page](#) and access the Board approved courses here: [Board Approved Continuing Education Courses](#).



Find Us on Social Media

The Board regularly posts on all its social media platforms – **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **LinkedIn**, and **X**.

Did you know that the Board also has an email list? If social media is not your thing, but you still want to stay up-to-date with the 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 updates — subscribe [here](#).



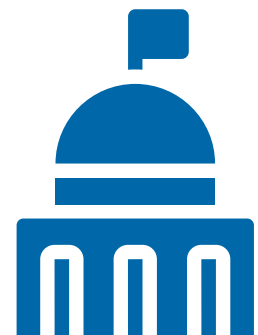
Credit Card Service Fees

Effective August 2025, all online transactions will incur a 2.3% credit card service fee. Additionally, the Board will no longer accept American Express as a form of payment. The Board has been paying the cost of credit card transactions since its operations moved online nearly a decade ago and spends a significant amount each fiscal year on these service fees. The impact of this change will mean that these fees will be paid by the applicant and licensee. These fees will show up as a separate statement on the receipt and are not paid to the Board. Please **contact** the Board with any questions.



Regulatory Update: Radiofrequency Proposal Approved

The Board's regulatory proposal to authorize optometrists to use Radio Frequency Technology or Devices when treating dry eye syndrome was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on August 26, 2025. Effective October 1, 2025, expanding the allowable noninvasive, nonsurgical treatment options that an optometrist can use to treat dry eye will benefit Californians who are suffering from the disease. Please read the regulation by accessing the **Notice of Approval**.





Recent Administrative and Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

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

The Board provides information regarding administrative and disciplinary actions for immediate access and convenience of interested persons. You can also access the “**DCA Search**” to verify if a licensed optometrist or optician has had any disciplinary action taken against their license or registration or to verify the 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.

CITATIONS AND FINES

***Al-Hassan, Noor (OPT 34389)*—Los Angeles**

On March 20, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Noor Al-Hassan (OPT 34389) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (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.](#)

***Brown, Laura Kay (OPT 14117)*—Bakersfield**

On March 20, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Laura Kay Brown (OPT 14117) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying her license renewal the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

***Chang, Lilly (OPT 34315)*—Stockton**

On February 4, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Lilly Chang (OPT 34315) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (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.](#)

***El-Nimri, Nevin Wadie (OPT 15150)*—San Diego**

On July 10, 2025, a \$1,450 citation was issued to Nevin Wadie El-Nimri, O.D. (OPT 10132) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Eye Manager (RDO 71441)

***Pak, Sae “Minnie” (SLD 43815)*—Buena Park**

On February 18, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Sae “Minnie” Pak, doing business as Eye Manager (unregistered), for failure to obtain a registered dispensing ophthalmic business registration and for engaging in the business of filling prescriptions of physicians and surgeons or optometrists prior to obtaining a registration, and advertising the furnishing of the services of an optometrist or a physician and surgeon (BPC §§ 3040(a), 3110(s), 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2556.5, 2559.1(a)(1), 2564.90, and 2564.91). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s SLD profile and click here to view the RDO profile.](#)

***Fong, Daniel Keith (OPT 8718)*—Sacramento**

On March 27, 2025, a \$1,500 citation was issued to Daniel Keith Fong (OPT 8718) for misrepresenting an eye condition in a patient, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records. (BPC §§ 3110(e), (q), and CCR § 1510). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s license profile.](#)

***Fu, Daisy Hsun-I (OPT 12295)*—Baldwin Park**

On July 10, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Daisy Hsun-I Fu, OD (OPT 12295) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (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.](#)

***Gardner, Joshua Adam (OPT 11637)*—Visalia**

On June 16, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Joshua Gardner (OPT 11637) for a criminal conviction of possession of a controlled substance. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (f), (k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s license profile.](#)

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Gill, Mona Kaur (OPT 14052)—Pismo Beach

On March 6, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Mona Kaur Gill (OPT 14052) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 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.](#)

Han, Jing Keh (OPT 12733)—El Dorado Hills

On April 15, 2025, a \$2,100 citation was issued to Jing Keh Han (OPT 12733) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal that the 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.](#)

Howard, Marsha Lucille (OPT 10132)—Signal Hill

On May 1, 2025, a \$2,100 citation was issued to Marsha Lucille Howard (OPT 10132) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying her license renewal the requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Huyn, Andrea Chia (OPT 13569)—Irvine

On March 4, 2025, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Andrea Chia Huyn (OPT 13569) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), and 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Islam, Faria (OPT 34019)—San Francisco

On March 18, 2025, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Faria Islam (OPT 34019) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536 (b),(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Katsev, Nina Gottschalk (OPT 10113)—Santa Barbara

On February 18, 2025, a \$1,850 citation was issued to Nina Gottschalk Katsev (OPT 10113) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 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.](#)

Kinney, John Joseph (OPT 5291)—Fresno

On March 18, 2025, a \$1,700 citation was issued to John Joseph Kinney (OPT 5291) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal the 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.](#)

Koga, Jared (OPT 34339)—Lancaster

On March 18, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Jared Koga (OPT 34339) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying that the requirements were met on his license renewal. (BPC §§ 3110(a) & (j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) & (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Law, Rebecca (OPT 33598)—Los Angeles

On June 5, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Rebecca Law (OPT 33598) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Mahjoubi, Andrew (Unlicensed)—Beverly Hills

On May 14, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Andrew Mahjoubi, for the practice of optometry without a valid, unrevoked, unexpired license, and advertising the practice of optometry without a license (BPC §§ 3040(a), 3110(a), 3110(e) and 3110(s)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Multani, Eisha Kaur (OPT 34149)—San Bernardino

On July 10, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Eisha Kaur Multani, OD (OPT 34149) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (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.](#)

Neighbors, Andrew David (OPT 34012)—Sammamish

On May 8, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Andrew David Neighbors (OPT 34012) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Nguyen, Katelyn Terese (OPT 12503)—Moreno Valley

On February 20, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Katelyn Terese Nguyen (OPT 12503) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), and 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Oh, Somi (OPT 7882)—Santa Clara

On April 1, 2025, a \$1,700 citation was issued to Somi Oh (OPT 7882) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (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.](#)

Prime Optical (Unregistered)

Salcedo, Mariano Jr. (Unregistered)—San Bernardino

On July 7, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Prime Optical and Mariano Salcedo Jr. for engaging in the business of filling prescriptions of physicians and surgeons or optometrists prior to obtaining a current registered dispensing Ophthalmic Business registration and for the unregistered fitting and adjusting of spectacle lenses. (BPC §§ 2543(a), 2555.5(a), (e), (p), 2556.5, 2559.1(a), 2564.90, and 2564.91(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Swanson, Romaine Teresa (OPT 7404)—Paso Robles

On May 8, 2025, a \$1,700 citation was issued to Romaine Teresa Swanson (OPT 7404) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the 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.](#)

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The Eyeglass Company (RDO 71385)

Erasmus Soria (SLD 4599)—Westminster

On April 29, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to The Eyeglass Company and Erasmus Soria, for the unregistered fitting and adjusting of spectacle lenses (BPC §§ 2555.5(a), (o), (p), 2556.5, and 2559.1(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's RDO profile, and SLD profile.](#)

Torres, Alvaro Fabricio (OPT 34322)—Indio

On May 20, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Alvaro Fabricio Torres (OPT 34322) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (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.](#)

Villegas, Rex Barachina (OPT 12668)—Pasadena

On February 25, 2025, a \$1,500 citation was issued to Rex Villegas (OPT 12668) for a criminal conviction of driving under the influence and dangerous use of alcohol (BPC §§ 3110(a), (k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.](#)

Watanabe, Alys Emi (OPT 13555)—Monrovia

On February 4, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Alys Emi Watanabe (OPT 13555) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (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.](#)

Yu, Xiaojing (OPT 15136)—Fort Lauderdale, FL

On May 22, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Xiaojing Yu (OPT 15136) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying her license renewal the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

PENDING ACCUSATIONS

Alizadeh, Ashcon (SOL 15050)—Houston, TX

On March 20, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Ashcon Alizadeh (SOL 15050), for engaging in the practice of optometry or advertising or holding oneself out as an optometrist without a valid license, use of a license or certificate issued by the Board that has been issued by mistake as a valid license or certificate, and unprofessional conduct procuring a license by fraud, misrepresentation, or mistake (BPC §§ 3040(a), 3090, 3101, and 3107). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Diaz Baez, Miguel Angel (CLD 8078)

San Bernardino

On February 3, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registration of Miguel Angel Diaz Baez (CLD 8078), for a criminal conviction for the disregard of safety: evading police (BPC §§ 490, 2551.1, 2555.5(k), and CCR § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360)

Nunez, James Anthony (SLD 4179)—Rialto

On February 27, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registrations of James Anthony Nunez (SLD 4179), and Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360) for a criminal conviction of driving under the influence and dangerous use of alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l) and CCR § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile.](#)

Garcia Vasquez, Guillermo Enrique (SLD# 41195, CLD#8450)—Manteca

On February 4, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Guillermo Enrique Garcia Vasquez (SLD 41195, CLD 8450) for a criminal conviction of driving under the influence and dangerous use of alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l) and CCR § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile and click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's CLD profile.](#)

Pham, Matt Trong (OPT 11384)—La Mesa

On April 24, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Matt Trong Pham (OPT 11384) for gross negligence, professional inefficiency, and general unprofessional conduct (BPC §§ 3110(a) and (b), and CCR § 1510). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Salamone, Oscar (OPT 11812)—La Mirada

On March 11, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Oscar Salamone (OPT 10829) for a criminal conviction of driving under the influence and dangerous use of alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 3110(k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's license profile.](#)

Waldrop, Gary Daniel (SLD 4661)

Dan's Optical Boutique (RDO 6726)

Dan's Optical (RDO 71138)—Shasta Lake and Redding

On July 29, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registrations of Gary Daniel Waldrop (SLD 4661), Dan's Optical Boutique (RDO 6726), and Dan's Optical (RDO 71138) for criminal convictions, and dangerous use of alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(k), (l) and CCR § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile, the registrant's RDO \(71138\) profile, and the registrant's RDO \(6726\) profile.](#)

Zoeckler, Brandon Thomas (OPT 14486, SOL 15366, FNP 7211, FNP 6975, SOL 13115)—Beaumont

On July 16, 2025, a First Amended Accusation was filed against the licenses of Brandon Thomas Zoeckler (OPT 14486, SOL 15366, FNP 6975, SOL 13115, and FNP 7211) for unprofessional conduct: committing or soliciting sexually related crime, incompetence, violation of the Optometry Practice Act, general unprofessional conduct, and failure to notify the board of dissolved corporation status (BPC §§ 3110, 3110(a), 3110(d), and 3110(m)(1)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile and related licensure.](#)

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PROBATION

Chavez, David Alexander (SLD 43744)—Palmdale

Effective April 24, 2025, David Alexander Chavez's application for registration as a registered spectacle lens Dispenser (SLD 43744) was approved, and on April 25, 2025, the registration was issued, immediately revoked, the revocation stayed, and placed on probation for two years, for conviction of a substantially related crime, and knowingly making a false Statement of Fact on an application (BPC §§ 2559.2(b), 480(a)(1) in conjunction with CCR § 1399.270, and BPC § 480(e)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

Di Libero, Juliette Ann (OPT 10829)—El Cajon

Effective March 7, 2025, the license of Juliette Ann Di Libero (OPT 10829), was revoked, the revocation stayed, and her license placed on probation for three years for a criminal conviction: driving under the Influence of alcohol, and dangerous use of alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 3110(k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

REVOKED

Chuong, Thomas Hoa (SLD 40971)—Rosemead

On April 4, 2025, the registration of Thomas Hoa Chuong, spectacle lens dispenser registration (SLD 40971), was revoked for multiple probation violations. Thomas Hoa Chuong was placed on probation for three years, effective December 28, 2023, for conviction of substantially related crimes, and dangerous use of alcohol (§§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l), 2557.1, and CCR § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

Frazier, Jake (SLD 42183)—Carmichael

Effective March 21, 2025, the registration of Jake Frazier (SLD 42183), was revoked for a criminal conviction and the dangerous use of alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

SURRENDERED

Granstra, Trina Jean (SLD 6321 & CLD 2176)—Windsor

Effective March 21, 2025, the registrations of Trina Jean Granstra (SLD 6321 & CLD 2176), with an address of record in Windsor were voluntarily surrendered. Respondent's SLD and CLD registrations were placed on probation effective September 10, 2021, for three years for a criminal conviction (BPC §§ 490, 2559.3, and 2563). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile and click here to view the CLD profile.](#)

Nunez, James Anthony (SLD 4179)

Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360)—Rialto

Effective July 7, 2025, the registrations of James Anthony Nunez (SLD 4179) and Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360) were voluntarily surrendered. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile and click here to view the RDO profile.](#)

Stewart, James Albert (OPT 7582)—Fresno

Effective July 7, 2025, James Albert Stewart's optometry license (OPT 7582) was voluntarily surrendered. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

Rodriguez, Crystal (SLD Applicant)

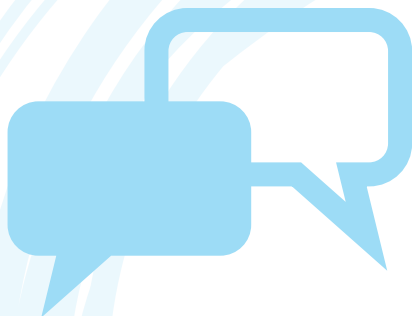
August 11, 2025, a Statement of Issues was filed against Crystal Rodriguez following the denial of her application for registration as a registered spectacle lens dispenser. The basis for the denial were substantially related convictions, unprofessional conduct: dangerous use of alcohol, and unprofessional conduct: violation of statutes (BPC §§475(a)(2); 480(a)(1), 493, 2555.5(a), (k), and (l)).

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- January 23
- April 10
- July 10
- October 23

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- February 13
- May 1
- August 7
- November 13

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