

**State of California  
Office of Administrative Law**

**In re:**  
**Board of Optometry**

**Regulatory Action:**

**Title 16, California Code of Regulations**

**Adopt sections:**

**Amend sections:**

**Repeal sections: 1530.1**

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CHANGES  
WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT**

**California Code of Regulations, Title 1,  
Section 100**

**OAL Matter Number: 2026-0407-02**

**OAL Matter Type: Nonsubstantive (N)**

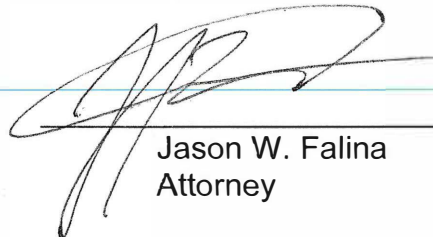
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This section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, by the State Board of Optometry repeals a regulation regarding the sponsorship of foreign graduates to take the National Board of Examiners in Optometry examination. This regulatory change is based on statutory changes made through Assembly Bill 1708 (Chapter 564, Statutes of 2017).

OAL approves this change without regulatory effect as meeting the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100.

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Date: May 19, 2026



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**NOTICE PUBLICATION/REGULATIONS SUBMISSION**

STD. 400 (REV. 10/2019)

# NONSUBSTANTIVE

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<b>OAL FILE NUMBERS</b>	NOTICE FILE NUMBER <b>Z-</b>	REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER <b>2026-0407-02N</b>	EMERGENCY NUMBER
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NOTICE		REGULATIONS	
AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY			AGENCY FILE NUMBER (if any)

**ENDORSED - FILED**  
in the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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**A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)**

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE <b>California State Board of Optometry</b>		TITLE(S)	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE	
3. NOTICE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Other		4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON		TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
<b>OAL USE ONLY</b>	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved/Withdrawn			NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE

**B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)**

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) <b>Foreign Graduate Sponsorship</b>		1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)	
2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)			
<b>SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)</b>	ADOPT		
	AMEND		
	REPEAL		
TITLE(S) <b>16</b>	<b>1530.1</b>		
3. TYPE OF FILING			
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346) <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))		<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute. <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h)) <input type="checkbox"/> File & Print <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100) <input type="checkbox"/> Print Only	
4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)			
5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))		<input type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify) _____	
6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY			
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)		<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Political Practices Commission <input type="checkbox"/> State Fire Marshal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
7. CONTACT PERSON <b>Serena St. Mary</b>		TELEPHONE NUMBER <b>279-895-1466</b>	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
		E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) <b>serena.stmary@dca.ca.gov</b>	

8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE <i>Gregory Pruden</i> <small>Gregory Pruden (Apr 3, 2025 15:46:34 PDT)</small>	DATE <b>04/03/2026</b>
TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY <b>Gregory Pruden, Executive Officer, California State Board of Optometry</b>	

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MAY 19 2026

Office of Administrative Law

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS  
DIVISION 15, CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

**PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE**

Repeal Foreign Graduate Sponsorship

Changes to the regulatory language are shown in ~~single strikethrough~~ for deleted text  
and single underline for added text.

Repeal section 1530.1 of article 6 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

**Article 6  
Examinations**

**~~§1530.1. QUALIFICATIONS OF FOREIGN GRADUATES.~~**

~~Applicants who meet the requirements of Section 3057.5 of the Code shall be admitted to the examination upon furnishing satisfactory evidence that the course of instruction completed is reasonably equivalent, as determined by the Board, to the course of instruction given by a school accredited by the Board; provided, however, that an applicant who is unable to furnish satisfactory evidence of equivalency may take those courses or subjects, in an accredited school or in another program of instruction acceptable to the Board, which would remedy areas of deficiency.~~

Note: Authority cited: Sections 3023.1 and 3025, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 3023.1, 3025, 3047, 3050 and 3057.5, Business and Professions Code