

**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: 1544, 1549, 1550

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CHANGES
WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT

California Code of Regulations, Title 1,
Section 100

OAL Matter Number: 2026-0408-05

OAL Matter Type: Nonsubstantive (N)

In this section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, the California State Board of Optometry repeals certificate of registration and branch office requirements for optometric corporations, pursuant to the repeal of Business and Professions Code sections 3161 and 3162 in AB 2256 (Ch. 564, Stats. 2006) and the amendment of Business and Professions Code section 3077 in SB 1386 (Ch. 334, Stats. 2018.)

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

Date: May 19, 2026



Jenifer Ryan
Senior Attorney

For: Kenneth J. Pogue
Director

Original: Gregory Pruden, Executive
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NONSUBSTANTIVE

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STD. 400 (REV. 10/2019)

OAL FILE NUMBERS	NOTICE FILE NUMBER Z-	REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER 2026-0408-05N	PRIORITY NUMBER
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NOTICE		REGULATIONS	

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 of the State of California

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY
 California State Board of Optometry

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any)

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

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE	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)
OAL USE ONLY	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 Disapproved/Withdrawn		NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER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) Corporation Applications and Branch Office Licenses	1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)
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2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)

SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)	ADOPT
	AMEND
	REPEAL
TITLE(S) 16	1544, 1549, and 1550

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3. TYPE OF FILING

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	<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"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	<input type="checkbox"/> File & Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Print Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	

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)
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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 Serena St. Mary	TELEPHONE NUMBER 279-895-1466	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) serena.stmary@dcs.ca.gov
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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>	DATE 04/03/2026
TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY Gregory Pruden, Executive Officer, California State Board of Optometry	

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

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Repeal Corporation Applications and Branch Office Licenses

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

Repeal sections 1544, 1549, and 1550 of article 7 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

**Article 7
Optometric Corporations**

~~§1544 Application; Review of Refusal to Approve:~~

- (a) ~~— An applicant corporation shall file with the Board an application for Certificate of Registration on a form furnished by the Board, which shall be signed and verified by an officer of the corporation who is a licensed person and be accompanied by a fee not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).~~
- (~~b~~) ~~— The Board, within a reasonable time after an application for registration is submitted to it, shall either approve the application and issue a Certificate of Registration or refuse to approve the application and notify the applicant corporation of the reasons therefor.~~
- (c) ~~— The Board may delegate to its executive officer, or other official or employee of the Board, its authority under Section 3161, Business and Professions Code, to review and approve applications for registration and to issue Certificates of Registration.~~
- (d) ~~— Any applicant corporation whose application has been disapproved by the Board may request a hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 11504. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Sections 11502-11528).~~

- (e) No applicant corporation shall hold itself out or engage in nor shall it render any professional services unless and until a Certificate of Registration has been issued.

Note: Authority cited: Section 3167, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 3160-3167, Business and Professions Code, and Section 13401, Corporations Code.

Article 7 Optometric Corporations

~~§ 1549 – Certificate of Registration. Continuing Validity. Reports.~~

- (a) ~~A Certificate of Registration shall continue in effect until it is suspended or revoked. Such certificate may be suspended or revoked for any of the grounds permitted by law.~~
- (b) ~~By May 31 of each year, each optometric corporation shall file with the Board a report on a form provided by the Board reflecting its status as of May 1 and including such information pertaining to its qualifications and compliance with the statutes, rules and regulations of the Board as the Board may require.~~
- (c) ~~Each optometric corporation shall file a special report, on a form provided by the Board, within 30 days of any change of the officers, directors, shareholders, places of practice, by-laws, articles of incorporation, corporate name.~~
- (d) ~~Each annual report filed hereunder shall be accompanied by a filing fee not to exceed \$50.00.~~
- (e) ~~Each special report filed hereunder shall be accompanied by a filing fee not to exceed \$15.00.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 3167, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 3160-3167, Business and Professions Code; and Section 13401, Corporations Code.

Article 7
Optometric Corporations

§ 1550– Branch Offices:

An optometric corporation is subject to the provisions of Section 3077 of the Code. When any optometric corporation duly registered hereunder desires to have a branch office within the meaning of that code section, it shall, prior to the opening of any branch office, make application therefor to the Board and receive permission in writing from the Board to have such branch office.

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