



# ISSUE MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	March 17, 2023
<b>TO</b>	Board Members, California State Board of Optometry (CSBO)
<b>FROM</b>	Randy Love, Administration & Licensing Manager
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item 6C: Executive Officer's Report – Examination and Licensing Programs

## **BreEZe Updates**

Board staff work continually with staff from the Department of Consumer Affairs to improve the functionality of BreEZe and make the updates required by changes to the law. Updates to BreEZe are put into production once a month, and each BreEZe update can only include a limited number of changes.

The update for March 2023 included:

- the removal of more applications associated with Branch Office Licenses (BOL) ([SB 1386](#)),
- the updated CURES fee, effective April 1, 2023 ([AB 3330](#))
- a fix to an issue with the interface between BreEZe and PSI, Inc. that was specific to applicants taking the California Laws and Regulations Examination (CLRE) as part of an application for the restoration of an expired Optometrist license
- updates to the Enforcement modules

The update for April 2023 will include:

- the Registered Dispensing Optician registration will change to the Registered Dispensing Ophthalmic Business registration, as directed by [AB 1534](#)
- more “mailing address” functionality, including the Optometrist pocket license
- updates to some application and renewal questions to decrease confusion and errors
  - skip the Continuing Education (CE) question if an Optometrist is renewing as INACTIVE
  - clarify questions about practice ownership

Future updates will include:

- the Nonresident Contact Lens Seller registration will change to the Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispensers registration, as directed by AB 1534
- the ability to order a Letter of Verification from your BreEZe dashboard

- the application for an Immunization Certificate
- the application for an Temporary Optometrist License ([SB 509](#))
- the application to register as a “Supervising Optometrist” (SB 509)
- more mailing address functionality
- Mobile Optometric Office (MOO) permit applications and renewals
- the applications for Retired Optometrist and Retired Volunteer status

## **Outreach**

In preparation for the upcoming Optometrist graduation season, Board staff prepared articles for the Spring 2023 issue of the Board’s newsletter, the Spectacle, which will focus on initial licensure for Optometrists.

### **i. Statistical Review, Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

A statistical review of Quarter 1 of the current fiscal year (2022-2023) is provided as Attachment A. Attachment A shows the number of applications received and approved by type. Also included are the totals for the prior fiscal year (2021-2022).