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To: Board Members **Date:** April 20, 2018

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Practice and Education Committee

Subject: **Agenda Item 8 – Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Committee Reports**

C. Practice and Education Committee (PEC)

Audio: [March 1, 2018](#)
[March 23, 2018](#)

Requested Actions: None

The PEC met twice since the last Board meeting and reviewed 39 continuing education courses to determine if they met the requirements pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR) § [1536](#) (g):

(g) The criteria for judging and approving continuing education courses by the Board for continuing optometric education credit will be determined on the following basis:

- (1) Whether the program is likely to contribute to the advancement of professional skills and knowledge in the practice of optometry.
- (2) Whether the instructors, lecturers, and others participating in the presentation are recognized by the Board as being qualified in their field.
- (3) Whether the proposed course is open to all optometrists licensed in this State.
- (4) Whether the provider of any mandatory continuing optometric education course agrees to maintain and furnish to the Board and/or attending licensee such records of course content and attendance as the Board requires, for a period of at least three years from the date of course presentation.

Out of the 39 courses reviewed, 35 were approved and four were returned to the providers for additional information.

Since the last PEC meeting, 35 additional courses have been submitted (as of April 11, 2018) and are pending review. The PEC will likely hold another meeting in early May to review the pending courses.