

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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### POLICY STATEMENT ON CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

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Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 63-1-116, an applicant for a Tennessee optometry license is required to complete a criminal background check. This criminal background check is to be included in the applicant's application for licensure. The Board of Optometry recognizes that some applicants may submit a criminal background check that is outdated. With this in mind, the Board has adopted the following policy for the submission of criminal background checks:

1. A criminal background check shall only be deemed valid for consideration by the Board if it is received by the administrative staff for the Board within one hundred eighty days (180) from the date that the criminal background check was completed.

**This Policy Statement was adopted by the Board of Optometry on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.**