TENNESSEE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS - 2020 CE EXAM
Chapter 0480-01 General Rules Governing Dispensing Opticians – December 2015 (Revised)
Valid for one (1) hour of Jurisprudence Continuing Education Credit with passing score

**Required Information: Complete all fields.**

NAME___________________________________________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS___________________________________________________
DATE_____________________________ LICENSE #______________________

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**Instructions: Circle the correct answer for each question. All questions must be answered.**

1. TRUE FALSE  0480-01-.10 (3)

Any office of a licensed dispensing optician, partnership or corporation which engages in optical dispensing must have a duly licensed dispensing optician on duty in each and every establishment; no office of a licensed dispensing optician, partnership or corporation shall offer technical optical dispensing services to the public unless a duly licensed optician is physically present.

2. TRUE FALSE  0480-01-.17 (1)

Each person registered with the Division and licensed by the board who has had a change of address shall file with the Board his/her new home address and/or mailing address within 45 days after such change has occurred and must reference the individual’s name, profession, and license number.

3. TRUE FALSE  0480-01-.15 (4)(c)

There are two types of Civil Penalties, A & B, with differing amounts. The minimum assessment under these penalties in not less than $100 and not more than $250.

4. TRUE FALSE  0480-01-.05 (1)

An applicant shall obtain a current application form from the Board’s web page on the internet, respond truthfully and completely to every question or request for information contained in the form, and submit it along with all documentation and all fees required by the form and this rule to the Board’s administrative office. In the absence of access to the internet, an applicant may obtain the application form from the Board’s administrative office.
5. TRUE FALSE 0480-01-.05 (10)(b)

An applicant is not required to disclose the circumstances surrounding the denial of a licensure application by any other state or the discipline of the license in any state.

6. TRUE FALSE 0480-01-.07 (9)(c)

An application submitted subsequent to the abandonment of a prior application shall not be treated as a new application.

7. TRUE FALSE 0480-01-.08 (1)(a) & (1)(b) & (1)(c)

The ABO, NCLE and the Tennessee Dispensing Optician Examination must have a minimum passing score of 75 each.

8. TRUE FALSE 0480-01-.01 (8)

Direct supervision of an apprentice optician is the requirement of the supervising licensed optician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist to direct, coordinate, review, inspect, and approve acts or services performed by an apprentice who is training to prepare, fit and dispense ophthalmic materials.

9. TRUE FALSE 0480-01-.14 (4)(d)(2)

The Board may rescind its approval of any apprenticeship training program if it determines that the apprentice is not actively pursuing licensure, including but not limited to, working less than five hundred (500) hours per year as provided in sub-paragraph (4) (b), and failing to file semi-annual evaluation reports in a timely manner as provided in sub-paragraph (5)(c).

10. TRUE FALSE 0480-01-.14 (4)

The period of apprenticeship training shall be not less than (3) years and no more than (6) years and must include a total of five thousand two hundred and fifty (5250) hours of full time or part time education and training under qualified supervision. If the apprenticeship is not completed within a maximum of six (6) years, the applicant shall be required to start the apprenticeship program from the beginning.
11. TRUE    FALSE      0480-01-.15 (1)

If a Licensed Dispensing Optician is found in violation of any provision of the statutes or rules governing their practice, they may be disciplined and accessed civil penalties deemed appropriate to the offense.

12. TRUE    FALSE      0480-01-.16 (2)

Every person licensed as a dispensing optician must display their license in a conspicuous place in the office or place of business where they work.

13. TRUE    FALSE      0480-11-.13 (1)(e) & (1)(f)

Licensed opticians must conduct themselves as an exemplary citizen. Additionally, licensed opticians must maintain and promote cordial and useful mutual relationships between ophthalmic dispensers and other allied health professions for the interchange of information for the advantage of mankind.

14. TRUE    FALSE      0480-11-.14 (6)

The Apprenticeship Registration does not permit or empower the apprentice to practice as a Dispensing Optician during the absence of the sponsoring/designated licensed supervisor under whose supervision he or she is registered.

15. TRUE    FALSE      0480-11-.18 (1)

Upon request from a client or the client’s authorized representative, licensees shall provide a complete copy of the client’s records or summary of such records which were maintained by the licensee.

16. TRUE    FALSE      0480-01-.11 (1)

A person who holds a current license and does not intend to practice as a dispensing optician may apply to convert an active license to inactive (“retired”) status. An individual who holds a retired license will not be required to pay the renewal fee.
17. TRUE  FALSE  0480-01-.12 (5)(d)
Continuing Education hours obtained as a prerequisite for reactivating a revoked or retired license may also be counted toward the current calendar year.

18. TRUE  FALSE  0480-01-.04 (3)(d)
If an applicant for licensure holds an unrestricted dispensing optician license in another state, length of time for that state’s training and supervised experience requirements for initial licensure shall be considered as time toward fulfilling Tennessee’s three (3) year requirement.

19. TRUE  FALSE  0480-01-.12 (1)(b)
Each licensee must retain proof of attendance and completion of all continuing education requirements. This documentation must be retained for a period of seven (7) years from the end of the calendar year in which the continuing education was required.

20. TRUE  FALSE  0480-01-.03 (1)
It is not unlawful for any person who is not licensed in the manner prescribed in Title 63, Chapter 14 of the Tennessee Code Annotated to represent himself as a dispensing optician or to hold himself out to the public as being licensed by means of using a title on signs, mailboxes, address plates, stationery, announcements, telephone listings, calling cards, or other instruments of professional identification.

21. TRUE  FALSE  0480-01-.15 (4)(b)(1) & (4)(c)(1)
A person who willfully and knowingly practices optical dispensing without a license, certification or other authorization of the Board may subject themselves to a Type A Civil Penalty.

22. TRUE  FALSE  0480-01-.02 (3)
Dispensing opticians may fit contact lenses only in the presence of and under the direct supervision of a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist.
23. TRUE FALSE 0480-11-.16 (4)(a)

All licensed dispensing opticians shall be required to wear an identification badge indicating his/her name, photograph, and Tennessee license number.

24. TRUE FALSE 0480-01-.11 (5)

The Board shall require an applicant whose license that has been revoked, suspended, or retired for a period of three (3) years to apply, take and pass the examinations, pursuant to Rule 0480-01-.08, prior to being considered for reinstatement.

25. TRUE FALSE 0480-11-.19 (1) & (3)(c)

The Board is charged by law with the responsibility for governing the profession of dispensing opticianry. This includes testing the applicants, granting approval for licensure, and revoking, suspending, and renewing licenses. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Notice of meetings shall conform to all applicable sunshine laws.

COMPLETED EXAMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS VIA ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

By Mail:
Board of Dispensing Opticians
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

By Email (all pages must be scanned, legible, full-size, and visible from edge to edge):
Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov

Please allow 30 days for processing of scores. You will receive one email notice from the Board Administrative Office with notice of passing. This notice of passing should be retained with your continuing education records. If you do not pass, you will receive one email notice with exam re-take instructions.

If you have not received a score notice via email 30 days after submitting your exam, please contact the Board of Dispensing Opticians at 615-532-5090 or via email at Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov.