

**TN Board of Dispensing Opticians Policy Statement**  
**Apprentice Educational Training Program**

Three (3) year training or apprenticeship, as referenced in TCA § 63-14-103, Rule 0480-01-.04(3)(c) and Rule 0480-01-.14(4), the Board interprets the term “three (3) years” to mean three (3) calendar years including a total of 5,250 hours of apprentice training. However, completion of a Board approved apprentice educational training program (AETP) shall be accepted as equivalent to one (1) calendar year/1,750 hours of apprentice training.

Upon rescission from the apprenticeship program and beginning another apprenticeship program, pursuant to Rule 0480-01-.14(d)(3), an individual shall restart any Board approved AETP in which they previously participated relating to the apprenticeship program.

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