

21 NCAC 40 .0320 LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION

(a) The Board shall send each registrant an application to renew licensure yearly. The application, credits for required education as set forth in 21 NCAC 40 .0206, and the fee as set forth in G.S. 90-246(3) shall be received in the Board office prior to renewal.

(1) The application form shall provide the registrant's current address, contact and employment information, and an attestation to the Board regarding the registrant's histories concerning arrest and conviction, licensure disciplinary actions, and civil or administrative court proceedings related to occupational licensure or the practice of opticianry.

(b) A registrant in current renewal status may apply to the Board for a change to inactive status. Application for any status change shall be made on the form provided by the Board.

(1) The application form shall provide the registrant's current address and contact information, and an attestation to the Board that the registrant is working in a field other than opticianry, or is not engaged in active opticianry practice at the time of the status change application.

(2) A registrant approved for inactive status shall not practice as a licensed optician.

(A) A registrant in inactive practice status shall not remain in inactive status if found in practice. The registrant shall apply for a change to active status as set forth in this Rule, and is subject to disciplinary action set forth in G.S. 90-249.1(1).

(B) Registrants in inactive status shall complete a renewal form for status renewal and pay the yearly renewal fee as set forth in G.S. 90-246(3) but are not required to obtain annual continuing education hours as set forth in 21 NCAC 40. 0206.

(c) A registrant in inactive status may apply to the Board to change to active status. Application for a status change shall be made on a form provided by the Board.

(1) The application form shall provide the registrant's current address and contact information.

(2) Credits for having attended required education, as set forth in 21 NCAC 40 .0206, the fee as set forth in G.S. 90-246(3), and the application form shall be received in the Board office and approved prior to the registrant's resumption of opticianry practice.

(d) The Board shall notify registrants of receipt of yearly licensure renewal and of approval of status changes.

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