

## Chapter Opt 7

### RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Opt 7.02 Certificate of registration.  
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**Opt 7.02 Certificate of registration.** Persons practicing optometry are required to hold a valid certificate of registration.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93.

**Opt 7.03 Renewal of certificate of registration.** Persons practicing optometry shall on or before December 15 of each odd-numbered year renew their certificates of registration by registering with the department, certifying completion of the continuing education hours required under s. [Opt 8.02](#) and paying the renewal fee determined by the department under s. [440.03 \(9\) \(a\)](#), Stats. An optometrist who fails to renew a certificate of registration in accordance with this section may not practice optometry until the certificate is renewed under s. [Opt 7.05](#).

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; CR 06-116: am. Register May 2007 No. 617, eff. 6-1-07; CR 15-078: cons. and renum. 7.03 and 7.04 to 7.03 and am. Register December 2016 No. 732, eff. 1-1-17.

**Opt 7.05 Late renewal. (1) RENEWAL WITHIN 5 YEARS.** A person may renew his or her certificate of registration by paying the renewal fee determined by the department under s. [440.03 \(9\) \(a\)](#), Stats., pay a late renewal fee under s. [440.08 \(3\)](#), Stats., and attesting to completion of the continuing education required under s. [Opt 8.02](#).

**(2) RENEWAL AFTER 5 YEARS.** A person who failed to renew a certificate of registration within 5 years after the renewal date holds an expired license and may not reapply for the license using the initial application process. This subsection does not apply to license holders who have unmet disciplinary requirements or whose license or certificate has been surrendered or revoked. A certificate of registration may be renewed after 5 years by complying with all of the following:

(a) Payment of the renewal fee required under s. [440.03 \(9\) \(a\)](#), Stats., and the late renewal fee.

(b) Evidence of one of the following:

1. Holding an active license in good standing in another state.  
2. Verification of all of the following occurring within the last 2 years:

a. Passing parts I, II, including passage of the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease examination, and III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry examination.

b. Passing the examination assessing knowledge of state laws and administrative rules regarding the practice of optometry.

c. 30 hours of approved continuing education.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; am. (1) and (2) (intro.), Register, April, 1996, No. 484, eff. 5-1-96; am. (intro.), (2) (intro.) and (a), Register, September, 1997, No. 501, eff. 10-1-97; CR 06-116: am. (1) and (2) (intro.) Register May 2007 No. 617, eff. 6-1-07; CR 15-078: r. and recr. Register December 2016 No. 732, eff. 1-1-17; correction in (1), (2) (a) made under 35.17, Stats., Register December 2016 No. 732; EmR1906: emerg. am. (2) (b) 2. a., eff. 3-12-19; CR 19-033: am. (2) (b) 2. a. Register January 2020 No. 769, eff. 2-1-20.

**Opt 7.06 Reinstatement.** A license holder who has unmet disciplinary requirements and failed to renew the certificate of registration within 5 years or whose license or certificate has been surrendered or revoked may apply to have the license or certificate reinstated in accordance with all of the following:

**(1)** Evidence of completion of the requirements in s. [Opt 7.05 \(2\)](#) if the license has not been active within 5 years.

**(2)** Evidence of completion of the disciplinary requirements, if applicable.

**(3)** Evidence of rehabilitation or change in circumstances warranting reinstatement.

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