

**Chapter Opt 1****PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY**

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**History:** Chapter Opt 1 as it existed on January 31, 1971 was repealed, and a new chapter Opt 1 was created, Register, January, 1971, No. 181, effective 2-1-71.

**Opt 1.01 Definitions and interpretations.** (1) The operation of devices for remedial or corrective purposes shall be considered as included under "mechanical therapy" as that term is used in section 449.01 (1), Wis. Stats.

(2) The measurement for, and the fitting and adapting of contact lenses and other visual aids, shall be considered the practice of optometry.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71.

**Opt 1.02 Change of address.** It shall be the responsibility of each licensed optometrist to keep the board informed of his current address and place of practice. It shall be considered unprofessional conduct to fail to comply with this section.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73.

**Opt 1.03 Gross incompetence.** Gross incompetence, as that term is used in section 449.07<sup>7</sup> Wis. Stats., is defined as the failure to exercise that degree of care and skill which is exercised by the average practitioner in the class to which the optometrist belongs, acting in the same or similar circumstances. This definition specifically includes, without limitation because of enumeration, the inability to proficiently operate the equipment and instruments described in section Opt 7.03. ✓

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75.