



STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY RENEWAL GUIDE

Instructions to Renew:

Renewals are available approximately 60 days prior to the license expiration date. You will receive an email notification when your renewal is available.

Optometrist – License Expiration November 30, 2026

Optometrist Diagnostics – License Expiration November 30, 2026

Optometrist Therapeutics – License Expiration November 30, 2026

Optometrist Therapeutics and Glaucoma – License Expiration November 30, 2026

Additional Practice Location – License Expiration November 30, 2026

HELPFUL INFORMATION

▲ Licensees can visit the Support Tab to [contact us](#) or for answers to [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) by clicking on *Support* located in the blue bar on the PALS website.

▲ Renewal fees are:

Optometrist (all types) - \$135.00

Additional Practice Location - \$20.00

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

Optometrist

✓ **30 contact hours** – Review the regulations at section §23.86. Acceptable continued education providers can be found in section [23.86](#) of the regulations found on the Board's website: <http://www.dos.pa.gov/opt>

- **Therapeutic Only License** – At least 6 of the required 30 hours shall concern the prescription and administration of pharmaceutical agents for therapeutic purposes.
- **Therapeutic & Glaucoma License** – At least 4 of the required 30 hours shall concern the prescription and administration of pharmaceutical agents for the treatment of glaucoma. *No more than 4 hours taken in the treatment of glaucoma may be applied toward the 6 hours required to maintain therapeutic licensure.*

✓ **15 contact hours** – Up to 50% (15 contact hours) must be completed “in person.” The Board has released a statement of policy regarding this requirement. That statement can be found here: [Statement of Policy](#)

✓ 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an ACT 31 approved provider. Must be taken every biennial period. The board will not accept certificates uploaded by licensees. Electronic verification of course completion must be received directly from the course provider.

Additional Practice Location

- ✓ No CE or additional documentation requirements, only the application and fee. If you are no longer practicing at a specific location, you do not need to renew, and it will expire on 11/30/26.
- ✓ The renewal application asks if the licensee maintains current liability insurance. **Liability insurance is required to maintain licensure and is not a condition of practice.** Individuals who do not practice or are retired but wish to maintain their license must still have the liability insurance to renew/maintain the license.