

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

February 16, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Location: **611 W. Ottawa Street, UL-5**
Lansing, Michigan

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

Optometry - General Rules (MOAHR #2022-49 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.16174, 333.16287, and 333.17431 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules rescind the rule pertaining to opioid and controlled substances training as it is no longer needed in this rule set; provide for the approval and adoption of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry examination; update accreditation standards of approved educational programs; clarify the requires for renewal of a limited license; clarify rules pertaining to preapproved continuing education programs; update the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education categories; clarify the requirements for requesting a continuing education waiver; and rescind and relocate some rules for organization and clarity.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public hearing. Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until **5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023**, at the following address or e-mail address:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section
P.O. Box 30670
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Attention: Departmental Specialist Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

Optometry General Rules

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTransaction?TransactionID=1408>

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