



Notice of Proposed Changes to Fees for Professions Regulated by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. Why are new fees being proposed?

The department is proposing to add a renewal for the dispensing optician apprentice registration. The proposed changes in this regulation project are to add the renewal fee to coincide with the proposed new renewal of the registration, and to clarify the nonrefundable application fee is for both dispensing opticians and apprentices for initial licensure and registration.

The current regulations do not allow for a renewal of the dispensing optician apprentice registration which creates registrations that are valid essentially until the apprentice notifies us they are no longer an apprentice, or if they become licensed as a dispensing optician. In most cases the division is never notified by the apprentice that they are no longer working under the apprentice registration. The proposed regulations if adopted, will ensure the division is notified of an apprentice wanting to continue the training. If the regulations are adopted, to renew the registration, the apprentice will be required to submit a completed renewal form, the fee of \$50, and a signed statement on the renewal by the supervisor that the apprentice is still under training.

2. What are the proposed fees?

The proposed fees will be a \$50 biennial registration renewal fee. If adopted, apprentices will be required to renew on a biennial basis, June 30th of every odd numbered year.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.

12 AAC 02.200(1) is amended to read:

- (1) Nonrefundable application fee for initial license **or registration**, \$50;

12 AAC 02.200(5) is amended to read:

(5) apprentice registration change fee, \$50;[.]

12 AAC 02.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) biennial apprentice registration renewal fee, \$50.

5. When will the new fees be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Division Director for consideration. The Director may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, or choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Department action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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