The California State Board of Optometry protects the health and safety of California consumers through licensing and regulation of the practices of optometry and opticianry.

## **SPRING IS HERE!**

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of The Spectacle! In this issue, you will find the following updates:

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THE SPECTACLE **Spring 2025** 

Keep reading to get the latest news and updates from the California State Board of Optometry!

## **Governor Newsom Issues Wildfire-Related Executive Order**

On January 29, 2025, Governor Newsom issued an executive order that extends the deadline to pay fees to renew a license by a period of one year. The executive order applies to any licensee with a license that expires between January 1, 2025 and July 1, 2025 and whose business or residence is in one of the following zip codes: 90041, 90049, 90265, 90272, 90290, 90402,

The order also suspends fees that would ordinarily be required for licensees seeking a duplicate or replacement license and allows for

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## **Important Information About Your Address of Record**

The law requires licensed optometrists to notify the California State Board of Optometry of each address where optometry is practiced. If you are practicing at a single location, this will be the address of record for your optometrist license. If you are practicing optometry at more than one location, you must apply for and obtain a Statement of Licensure (SOL) for each additional practice location. Under the law, an optometrist may own up to 11 practice locations and can work at an unlimited number of locations. The address of record on your optometrist license should be your primary place of practice.

You can change the address of record for your optometrist license in your BreEZe account; however, you cannot change the address of a practice location for which you have obtained an SOL. For each new practice location, you must apply for a new SOL. If you are no longer working at a location for which you have an SOL, you can submit a written request to cancel the SOL to **OptometryLicensing@dca.ca.gov**. Please be sure to include your SOL license number in the request. Still have questions? We can help! Send us an email at **OptometryLicensing@dca**. ca.gov



# **Spring Allergies Can Impact the Visual System**

In the spring, allergies can significantly impact the visual system through various mechanisms and can affect multiple aspects of eye function and vision quality. By understanding these mechanisms, you can better manage and treat allergic eye conditions.

When an allergen enters the eye, it triggers an immune response that leads to the release of histamine and other chemical mediators. This process specifically affects the conjunctiva, a delicate membrane covering the eye and inner eyelid, causing allergic eye reactions that impact visual quality and function.

### **Direct Impacts on Visual Function**

Vision clarity can be impacted by spring allergens in the following ways:

- Temporary blurriness due to excessive tear production.
- Swollen eyelids that prevent normal eye opening and closing.
- Increased sensitivity to light (photophobia).

Eye comfort is also impacted and may include the following:

- Persistent itching and burning sensations.
- Foreign-body sensation in the eye.
- Fatigue and eye strain.

## **Types of Allergic Eye Conditions**

There are a few different types of allergic eye conditions to be aware of, including:

#### **Seasonal Allergic Conjunctivitis:**

- Occurs during spring and fall seasons.
- Caused by pollen from grass, trees, and weeds.
- Typically accompanied by nasal allergy symptoms.
- May also cause chronic dark circles under the eyes.

#### **Perennial Allergic Conjunctivitis:**

A year-round condition.

- Triggered by indoor allergens:
  - » Dust mites
  - » Pet dander
  - » Mold spores
- Generally less severe than Seasonal Allergic Conjunctivitis.

#### **More Severe Allergic Eye Conditions:**

- Vernal Keratoconjunctivitis: Can impair vision if untreated.
- Atopic Keratoconjunctivitis: May cause corneal scarring.
- Contact-lens-associated papillary conjunctivitis.

### **How to Manage Spring Allergies**

During spring, the days are getting longer, flowers are in bloom, and we enjoy the return of outdoor sports such as baseball and softball. The activities we engage in make it difficult to avoid exposure to allergens, which can impact our eye health. But there are ways to manage the risk!

#### **Environmental Controls:**

- Keep windows closed during peak pollen periods.
- Use air conditioning instead of window fans.
- Maintain low humidity levels to control mold.
- Use HEPA filters and mite-proof bedding covers.

#### **Treatment Approaches:**

- Avoid rubbing your face and eyes to prevent spreading or worsening symptoms.
- Use **DCA Search** to locate a licensed optometrist and schedule an appointment.
- Consult with your licensed optometrist regarding over-the-counter solutions, such as:
  - » Artificial tears
  - » Antihistamine eyedrops
  - » Decongestant eyedrops
  - » Prescription medications

#### **Prioritize Overall Eye Health:**

A comprehensive approach to spring eye health involves more than just short-term fixes. Here are some long-term strategies:

- 1. Visit your optometrist annually for a comprehensive
- 2. Incorporate healthy foods in your diet, drink plenty of water, and get sufficient sleep.
- 3. Practice good hygiene by washing your hands frequently, especially before touching your face.

## **New Optometrist Graduates: Read This!**

By mid-May, nearly 2,000 students across the United States will graduate from accredited schools of optometry. California State Board of Optometry staff is preparing to receive 200 to 300 applications from new graduates. If you are a soon-to-be new graduate, please read on for how to start the process of obtaining your license.

CSBO uses an online platform called BreEZe for licensing applications, forms, and account maintenance. Please review the following steps to ensure you are correctly applying for your California optometry license.

- 1. Open the BreEZe Website.
- 2. Create and register your account.
- 3. Start an application. Please select **Optometrist-Law Exam Request Application Part 1.**
- 4. Make sure to add your email address and phone number. Without this information, we cannot process your application request.
- 5. Complete and pay fee (\$279) for Part 1 of the application. PSI will then contact you to register for the law and regulations exam. PSI may charge a small fee to administer the exam.

6. Complete the law exam and sign back into BreEZe. Click Manage My Application. Complete Part 2 of the application. You will be required to pay \$125 for your TLG specialization.

After completing Part 2 of the application process, CSBO must receive the following:

- 1. Transcripts: Your institution must directly submit your transcripts to CSBO after you graduate.
- 2. NBEO Scores: Score reports must be released to CSBO. Please contact NBEO to confirm that this option was selected. Your scores will be released after you graduate. Please include your OE TRACKER number in your application. CSBO staff can use this information to access your NBEO scores once you have authorized NBEO to release them to us.
- **3. Fingerprints:** Fingerprints must be submitted on CSBO's live scan form. You can email OptometryLicensing@dca. ca.gov and request a live scan packet, which will include directions and the form. If you are applying while living outside of California, you must submit your fingerprints by physical or "hard" cards. To do this, contact CSBO at OptometryLicensing@dca.ca.gov, provide a mailing address, and request that hard cards be mailed to you.

CSBO also publishes **FAQs** and a **PowerPoint presentation** for new applicants. Please contact CSBO at **OptometryLicensing**@ **dca.ca.gov** with any questions.



## **Scam Alert!**

The California State Board of Optometry has learned of an attempted fraud scheme aimed at CSBO licensees.. In the scheme, which is communicated by phone, letter, or fax, fraudulent individuals who identify themselves as CSBO employees or investigators tell licensees that they are under investigation, that their licenses may be suspended, or that arrest warrants have been issued in their names. This is immediately followed by demanding individuals identify themselves as agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or other law enforcement agencies. They may also use "spoofed" CSBO telephone numbers to make their calls appear legitimate.

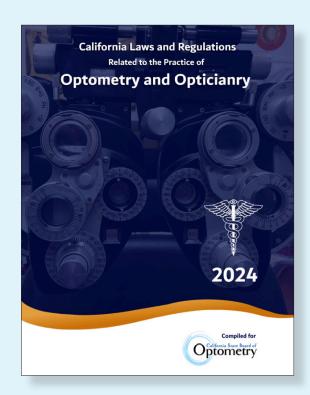
#### **How to Protect Yourself:**

- If you have any doubts or questions about someone claiming to represent CSBO, hang up. Then call CSBO directly at (916) 575-7170 (even if this looks like the same number you are being called from) or email optometry@dca.ca.gov.
- Refuse payment. Never provide banking and credit card numbers or personal information without first taking steps to verify that the person requesting the information is legitimate. Please also note that CSBO will never ask for credit or debit card information by letter or over the phone.
- You can take down the caller's information (name, title, phone number, and email address) and let them know that you will follow up directly with CSBO. You can also end the call without

# **California Law and Regulations Exam Waiting Period Reduced**

The California State Board of Optometry is pleased to announce that the waiting period to retake the California Law and Regulations Exam has been reduced from 180 days to 90 days. This change will assist applicants who need to retake the exam to achieve a passing score. Additionally, the exam bulletin has been updated and can be accessed on the CSBO website: **CLRE Exam Bulletin**. All exam candidates should review the exam bulletin and the **laws and regulations** governing the practice of optometry in California, which can also be accessed from within the exam bulletin.

CSBO also publishes an **Optometrist Applicant Examination Information webpage**, which all applicants are encouraged to review.

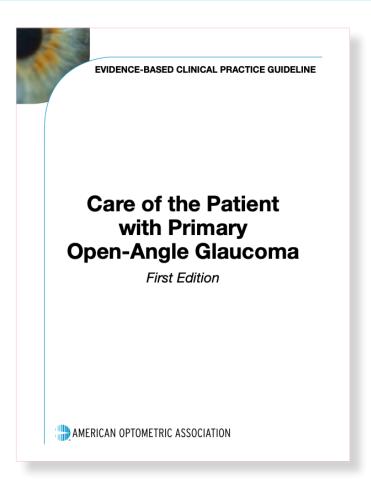


# **American Optometric Association Releases Guidance on Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma**

In communities across California and the United States, optometrists are often a patient's sole eye care provider and may also be their first point of entry into the health care system. According to American Optometric Association (AOA) President Steven T. Reed, O.D., "As the primary providers of eye health and vision care, we are at the frontlines of glaucoma diagnosis, management, and treatment." Given this role, it is imperative that optometrists continually educate themselves and their patients on the most current forms of glaucoma management. Early diagnosis and treatment of the disease can reduce the burden of glaucomarelated vision loss and improve quality of life.

To help increase health care quality based on scientific research, the AOA recently published Care of the Patient with Primary **Open-Angle Glaucoma**, the first evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for diagnosing, managing, and treating adults with primary open-angle glaucoma.

The California State Board of Optometry encourages all licensed optometrists to review the document and contact the AOA with any questions.





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## **Optical Technician**

#### **Optical Technician Certificate**

This is the first certificate in the Optical Technology series

#### What is an Optical Technician?

An Optical Technician is also known as an Optician.

The Optical Technology program has two certificates that prepare the student for employment as an optical technician or contact lens technician. These two certificates have 7 units of common coursework. It is recommended that the optical technician coursework be taken first. Courses for both certificates are mostly online with some lab time on-campus and an in-person internship required.

#### How much can I earn as an Optical Technician?

The average salary for a optical technician is \$28.50 per hour in California. 166 salaries reported, updated at August 18, 2024 - indeed.com

Employment settings include private optometry practices, registered dispensing optician locations, public and private hospitals, clinics and laboratories, optometry schools, optical laboratories, manufacturing companies, educational programs, and the armed forces

#### What level of education is needed to work as an Optician?

Upon completion of the Optical Technician certificate, students will be prepared for the American Board Optician (ABO) exam offered through The American Board of Opticianry. Passing this exam then allows one to apply for registration in the State of California. This evidence of competence is recognized throughout the United States.

In addition, graduates will be able to apply for registration as a Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser with the California State Board of Optometry.

#### **Certificate Requirements**

Course Number	Course Name	Units
AH 106	Communication for Allied Health Careers	2
OPT 101	Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology of the Eye	3
CISA 315	Introduction to Electronic Spreadsheets	2
OPT 102	Optical Materials Theory I	3
OPT 103	Optical Materials Skills Lab I	1
OPT 104	Optical Dispensing Theory I	3
OPT 105	Optical Dispensing Clinical Lab I	2
OPT 106	Review Course for American Board of Opticianry (ABO) Certification Exam	1
	Total Units	17



# CSBO Visits the **Sacramento City College Optical Technology Program**

On February 13, 2025, members of the California State Board of Optometry visited the Sacramento City College Optical **Technology Program**, located in West Sacramento, to learn more about new programs for training future opticians. The Sacramento City College Optical Technology Program has two certificates that prepare students for employment as an optician: the Optical Technician Certificate and the Contact Lens Technician Certificate. Courses for both certificates are primarily online, with some lab time on-campus and a required in-person internship. The Optical Technician Certificate can be completed in one (1) year and prepares the student to sit for the American Board of Opticianry exam. Passing this exam allows the student to apply for registration as a Spectacle Lens Dispenser with CSBO. Those interested in the program are encouraged to contact Professor Lorraine Champlain at scc-optech@ scc.losrios.edu.

WEB https://scc.losrios.edu/academics/programs-and-majors/optical-technology?tab=2 EMAIL champll@scc.losrios.edu

Sacramento City College Optical Technology Program Flyer.



From left to right: Board Member **Dawson**, CLD/SLD; Board Member **Hsu**; Board Executive Officer **Pruden**; Board Member Clemens; Board Secretary Bragg, O.D.; Board Member Klepa, J.D.; Board Vice President Linden, J.D.; and Sacramento City College Professor Lorraine Champlain.

# **California State Board of Optometry Sunset Review Hearing**

Every board and bureau in the Department of Consumer Affairs is subject to oversight by the California State Legislature's relevant policy committees. Every few years, each board and bureau goes through a sunset review process. It is called a "sunset" review because the statutory authority of each board legally expires, or sunsets, on a specific date. For CSBO, the law provides a sunset date of January 1, 2026, and if the date is not extended, the California State Board of Optometry will cease to operate.

The sunset review process unfolds in a series of steps:

- 1. CSBO prepares a sunset review report.
- 2. CSBO approves the sunset review report.
- 3. CSBO submits the report to the California State Legislature.
- 4. CSBO participates in a sunset review legislative hearing.
- 5. CSBO responds to issues raised during the sunset review process.
- 6. CSBO collaborates with the California State Legislature and stakeholders to create a sunset review bill that extends CSBO for at least another four (4) years.

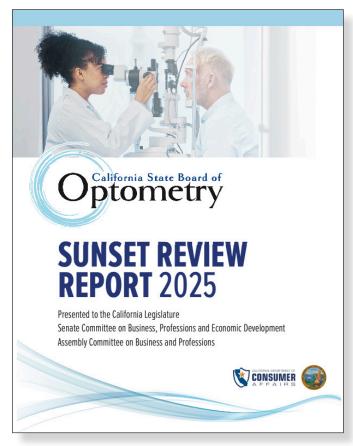
CSBO completed its sunset review report in 2024 and submitted it to the California State Legislature on January 3, 2025. A copy of the report can be accessed here: 2025 Sunset Review Report. On March 4, 2025, the California State Legislature conducted the sunset review hearing and released its background paper of policy issues. The background paper of policy issues and the hearing itself may be accessed here: CSBO Background Paper and **CSBO Sunset Review Hearing** (hearing begins at the 2:53:30 mark).

CSBO's latest sunset bill is SB 776, and it may be read here: **SB 776**.

Please contact CSBO at **Optometry@dca.ca.gov** with any questions about the sunset review process.



California State Board of Optometry Sunset Review Hearing Video.



California State Board of Optometry Sunset Report.



Board President Jeffrey Garcia, O.D., prior to testifying

## **CURES Fee Increase**

In accordance with legislation enacted in 2024 (SB 164, Chapter 41, Statutes of 2024), the annual Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) fee will be increasing from \$9 to \$15 for optometrist licenses expiring on or after July 1, 2025. The fee is assessed at the time of license renewal on licensees that are authorized to prescribe, order, administer, or furnish controlled substances.

Most licensees will see a \$30 CURES fee due to the biennial renewal cycle, which allows licensees to pay the annual \$15 fee for two years at a time. The fee covers the regulatory costs of the Department of Justice in operating and maintaining CURES. CURES is a critical element in California's continued effort to address the danger of opioid addiction stemming from prescription drug abuse.

For more information about CURES, please visit: https://oag.ca.gov/cures.

## **Find Us on Social Media**

The California State Board of Optometry regularly posts on all of its social media platforms, including: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and 1

Did you know that CSBO also has an email list? If social media is not your thing, but you still want to stay up to date with CSBO happenings, such as optometry/optician regulations and legislation, public other board-related updates, subscribe here.



## Mobile Optometric Office and Home Residence Permit Applications **Now Available**

On January 2, 2025, the California State Board of Optometry released applications for the Mobile Optometric Office program. This program permits a non-profit corporation or charitable organization to own and operate up to 12 mobile optometric offices during the first two-year licensure period. Please visit the **Mobile Optometric Office website** to learn more about this important program.

On April 23, 2025, CSBO also released applications for the Home Residence Permit program. This program authorizes a licensed optometrist to provide optometric services to patients who are homebound.

Please visit www.optometry.ca.gov or email optometrylicensing@dca.ca.gov to learn more.



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## **Recent Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board**

For the most current list of issued citations and disciplinary actions, please visit www.optometry.ca.gov/consumers/disciplinary.shtml.

The California State Board of Optometry provides information regarding administrative and disciplinary actions for the immediate access and convenience of interested persons. You can also use **DCA Search** to verify the status of a license or see if a licensed optometrist or optician has had any disciplinary action taken against their license or registration.

While CSBO believes this information to be reliable, human and/or technical errors remain a possibility, and delays are possible when posting or updating the information.

#### **CITATIONS AND FINES**

#### Hwang, David Chien-Ta (OPT 14044)—Orange

On February 11, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to David Chien-Ta Hwang (OPT 14044) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021-2023 renewal cycle (BPC§§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Kim, Michell Yujin (OPT 34920)—La Quinta

On December 10, 2024, a \$1,750 modified citation was issued to Dr. Michell Yujin Kim (OPT 34920) for failing to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to her patient (BPC §§ 3110(a), (g), and CCR § 1510). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Mione, Robert Douglas (unregistered)—Los Angeles

On January 7, 2025, a \$1,000 modified citation was issued to Robert Douglas Mione (unlicensed) for the unregistered practice of fitting and dispensing spectacle lenses to a customer and misrepresenting himself as being able to do so as a registered dispensing optician by his actions and his business card (BPC §§ 2556.5, 2559.1(a)(1), 2564.90, 2543(a)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action.

#### Ong, Jennifer Hidalgo (OPT 10520)—Elk Grove

On December 31, 2024, a \$1,000 citation was issued to Jennifer Hidalgo Ong (OPT 10520) for failing to retain patient records for seven years and for failing to maintain adequate and accurate records (BPC §§ 3007, 3110(a), (g) and CCR §1510). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Soss, Edward H. (SLD and RDO applicant)—San Francisco

On January 29, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Edward H. Soss (SLD and RDO applicant) for practicing optometry without an optometrist license, practicing opticianry without the appropriate registrations, fitting and adjusting spectacle lenses without a spectacle lens dispenser registration, fitting and adjusting contact lenses without a contact lens dispenser registration, and dispensing prescription lenses without a registered dispensing ophthalmic business registration (BPC §§3040(a), 3110(s), 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2556.5, 2559.1(a), 2560, 2564.90, and 2564.91(a)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action.

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#### Tong, Khanh Kristine (OPT 11759)—Westminster

On January 16, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Khanh Kristine Tong (OPT 11759) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Tseng, Cary S. Y. (OPT 10867)—Alhambra

On January 30, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Cary S. Y. Tseng (OPT 10867) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC§§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Watanabe, Alysa Emi (OPT 13555)—Monrovia

On February 4, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Alysa Emi Watanabe (OPT 13555) for failing to meet the optometric continuing education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC§§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Al-Hassan, Noor (OPT 34389)—Los Angeles

On March 20, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Noor Al-Hassan (OPT 34389) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Eye Manager

#### Pak, Sae 'Minnie' (Unregistered)—Buena Park

On February 18, 2025, a \$5,000.00 citation was issued to Sae "Minnie" Pak, doing business as Eye Manager (Unregistered), for failing to obtain a Registered Dispensing Ophthalmic Business registration and for engaging in the business of filling prescriptions of physicians and surgeons or optometrists prior to obtaining a registration, and advertising the furnishing of the services of an optometrist or a physician and surgeon. (BPC §§ 3040(a), 3110(s), 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2556.5, 2559.1(a)(1), 2564.90, and 2564.91). Click here to obtain a copy of the action.

#### Huyn, Andrea Chia (OPT 13569)—Irvine

On March 4, 2025, a \$1,300.00 citation was issued to Andrea Chia Huyn (OPT 13569) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), and 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)(l)). **Click here** to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Nguyen, Katelyn Terese (OPT 12503)—Moreno Valley

On February 20, 2025, a \$2,500.00 citation was issued to Katelyn Terese Nguyen (OPT 12503) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), and 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). **Click here to obtain a copy** of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Villegas, Rex Barachina (OPT 12668)—Pasadena

On February 25, 2025, a \$1,500.00 citation was issued to Rex Villegas (OPT 12668) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§ 3110(a), (k), and (I)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### PENDING ACCUSATIONS

#### Diaz Baez, Miguel Angel (CLD 8078)—San Bernardino

On February 3, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registration of Miguel Angel Diaz Baez (CLD 8078) for a Criminal Conviction Disregard Safety: Evading Police (BPC §§490, 2551.1, 2555.5(k), and CCR §1399.270). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's license profile.

#### Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360) Nunez, James Anthony (SLD 4179)—Rialto

On February 27, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registrations of James Anthony Nunez (SLD 4179), and Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l) and CCR §1399.270). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's SLD profile and click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's RDO profile.

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#### Garcia Vasquez, Guillermo Enrique (SLD 41195, CLD8450)— Manteca

On February 4, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Guillermo Enrique Garcia Vasquez (SLD 41195, CLD 8450) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l) and CCR §1399.270). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's SLD profile and click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's CLD profile.

#### Alizadeh, Ashcon (SOL 15050)—Houston, TX

On March 20, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Ashcon Alizadeh (SOL 15050) for Engaging In the Practice of Optometry or Advertising or Holding Oneself Out as an Optometrist Without a Valid License, Use of a License or Certificate Issued by the Board That Has Been Issued By Mistake as a Valid License or Certificate, and Unprofessional Conduct Procuring a License By Fraud, Misrepresentation, or Mistake (BPC §§ 3040(a), 3090, 3101, and 3107). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

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#### Salamone, Oscar (OPT 11812)—La Mirada

On March 11, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Oscar Salamone (OPT 10829) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§490, 3110(k), and (l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Stewart, James Albert (OPT 7582)—Fresno

On February 10, 2025, a First Amended Accusation was filed against the license of James Albert Stewart (OPT 7582) for being Unsafe to Practice, Unprofessional Conduct, and Repeated Negligent Act (BPC §§822, 3110, and 3110(c)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### Tien, Peter (OPT 33489)—Burbank

On July 8, 2024, Peter Tien (OPT 33489), with an address of record in Burbank, CA, filed a petition for early termination of probation. The respondent's license was placed on probation for three years. A guorum of the California State Board of Optometry heard the petition on December 6, 2024. The petition was granted and made effective on February 28, 2025. Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### **SURRENDERED**

#### Young, Lawrence Edwin (OPT 8618)—Coarsegold

Effective February 20, 2025, the license of Lawrence Edwin Young (OPT 8618), with an address of record in Coarsegold, CA, was voluntarily surrendered. The respondent's optometry license was placed on probation for five years, effective October 26, 2023, by Stipulated Settlement for Sexual Abuse, Misconduct, or Relations with a Patient, Unprofessional Conduct (BPC § 3110(m) (2)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's/doctor's license profile.

#### **PROBATION**

#### Di Libero, Juliette Ann (OPT 10829)—El Cajon

Effective March 7, 2025, the license of Juliette Ann Di Libero (OPT 10829) was revoked, the revocation stayed, and her license placed on probation for three years for a Criminal Conviction: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 3110(k), and (l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

#### **REVOKED**

#### Frazier, Jake (SLD 42183)—Carmichael

Effective March 21, 2025, the registration of Jake Frazier (SLD 42183) was revoked for a Criminal Conviction and the Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(k), and (l)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's profile.

# Ask an Analyst is Here! Do You Have a General Question?

Submit your questions to optometry@dca.ca.gov and look for the answer in the next edition of the *The Spectacle*! Be sure to include *The Spectacle* in the subject line.



## **How Are We Doing?**

The California State Board of Optometry strives to provide the best possible customer service. Please help us by taking a few minutes to complete our brief customer service satisfaction survey here. Your participation is greatly appreciated.







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# 2025 Board and Committee Meeting Dates

Each year, the California State Board of Optometry meets at least four (4) times. CSBO's various committees also meet throughout the year. The remaining Board meeting dates are:

- April 11
- July 11
- October 17

Committee meeting dates are as follows:

- May 2
- August 1
- November 7

Meeting agendas are posted at least ten (10) days in advance of a meeting, per the Administrative Procedures Act. Please visit the Board Meeting Page to review agendas and meeting materials.