



**Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR OPTOMETRY LICENSE

All applicants must complete every section of this application and submit the original application and all required supporting documents. If more space is needed to fully answer questions, attach additional sheets with typed responses. False or misleading statements will be cause for **disciplinary action and could be cause for criminal prosecution pursuant to DC Official Code 22-2405**. If you have any questions, call HPLA Customer Service at 1-877-672-2174 Monday through Friday, 8:15AM to 4:40PM EST.

Please Note: Please refer to application instructions before completing this form.

SECTION 1. LICENSEE INFORMATION

Note: LEGAL NAME: (Do not use any initials unless they are a part of your name)

_____ GENDER: MALE FEMALE

_____/_____/_____
FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME (SUFFIX: Jr., Sr. etc.)

____/____/_____
Date of Birth Place of Birth: State/Providence/Territory Country if not USA Social Security Number

Preferred Mailing address:

Street Address City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SECTION 2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Your license expires on March 31, 2016
- Renewal applications submitted after March 31, 2016 will be required to pay a late fee of \$85.
- If you are unable to renew your license by March 31, 2016 or within the 60-day late renewal period, you will be required to apply for your license through the reinstatement application process.
- You may reinstate your license in the District of Columbia within 5 years of the expiration date of your license. Once the 5-year reinstatement period has ended you must meet the Board's requirements to apply for licensure.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT: Optometrists must complete thirty-six (36) approved continuing education credits during the two (2) year period preceding the date the license expires (April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2016). Out of thirty-six (36) approved continuing education credits **Optometrists with TPA/DPA Authorities must complete at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education associated to their Pharmaceutical Authorities during the two (2) year period preceding the date the license expires.**

Submission of CE hours is not required for first (1st) time renewal applicants. DO NOT send documentation verifying your compliance with CE requirement unless asked to do so by the Board. The Board will perform a CE audit following the 2016 renewal period. Documentation mailed to the Board will not be returned.

PHOTOS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED: If you do not currently have a picture on your pocket license, submit two (2) identical, recent passport photographs. On the back of the photos write your full name and either your license number or Social Security Number.

ONLINE RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS: To renew your license online go to: www.hpla.doh.dc.gov. Enter your Social Security Number and Last Name, then go to the next screen and enter your User ID and Password or enter User ID/Password that you established during the 2011 renewal period. Be sure to keep a copy of this renewal form and your payment for your records. Remember that you are required by law to notify your professional board of any address change within 30 days of the change. You may send address changes to the address below. This will help ensure that you receive your next renewal notice in a timely manner.

SECTION 3. LICENSE RENEWAL AND FEES- Select the type of action you wish to take for your license.

Please check the appropriate box(es)	Fee	
A. <input type="checkbox"/> License Renewal	\$203.00	_____ .00
B. <input type="checkbox"/> TPA/ DPA renewal fee	\$145.00	_____ .00
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel * (see notes)	\$0.00	_____ .00
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Inactive	\$203.00	_____ .00
E. <input type="checkbox"/> Reactivate (Paid inactive License)	\$34.00	_____ .00
F. <input type="checkbox"/> Late fee (if received after due date)	\$85.00	_____ .00
G. <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	\$0.00	_____ .00
H. <input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate License	\$34.00	_____ .00
	TOTAL ENCLOSED \$	_____ .00

Cancelled license – Sign and return this renewal application. You may not practice in the District of Columbia until you re-apply as a new license applicant and are approved by the DC Health Regulations and Licensing Administration for a new license. Upon approval, you will be issued a new license number.

****Deceased Licensee – Return the application to the address above along with a death certificate or notarized letter indicating that the licensee is deceased.**



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SECTION 4. SCREENING QUESTIONS

Please answer questions 1 through 13 by placing X in the appropriate boxes.

PLEASE NOTE: If you answer "YES" to any of the screening questions below, you must provide complete information and details on a separate sheet of paper, including copies of all relevant court or supporting documents and attach it to this form.

1.	Since your last application, have you been arrested, convicted or charged for a felony or misdemeanor including DUI, OWI, DWI's (other than minor traffic violations for which a fine or ticket is the maximum penalty)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Since your last application: (1) Have you withdrawn an application for licensure/ certification/ registration to practice any health profession in any jurisdiction? (2) Has any authority, health facility or peer review board taken action against any of your health profession licenses or privileges (including imposing a fine, sanctions, censure or reprimand, probation, imposition of restrictions, suspension or revocation)? (3) Have you been or are you currently being investigated by any authority or peer review board for any violation of state, federal, or local law? (4) Has any authority, health facility or peer review board informed you of any pending charge(s) or investigation(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Since your last application, have you been diagnosed with a physical or mental condition, including alcohol or drug abuse, that currently impairs your ability to practice your profession or that could affect your performance or impact your ability to perform your professional duties?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Are you currently being treated or have you been treated for a physical or mental condition, including alcohol or drug abuse, that, but for the treatment, could impair your ability to practice your profession?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Since your last application, have you surrendered a license, certification, or registration to practice any health profession in any jurisdiction?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Since your last application, have you been terminated, asked to resign, or resigned in lieu of being terminated from employment or a clinical training/fellowship program for any health profession?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Since your last application, have you been found by a court to be legally incompetent to practice or by a medical professional to be impaired to practice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Since your last application, have you been diagnosed or treated for alcohol abuse, controlled substance abuse, prescribed medication abuse, or illegal drug abuse?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Since your last application, has any authority, health facility or peer review board taken action against any health care facility or agency for which you have an ownership interest in, or serve as manager or director for (including imposing a fine, sanctions, censure or reprimand, probation, imposition of restrictions, suspension or revocation)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Since your last application, have you been a defendant or respondent to a claim for damages or malpractice action?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Will you be mailing in name change documentation for this renewal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
12.	I certify that I have completed a total of thirty-six (36) continuing education credits (TPA/DPA authorities licensees must complete at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education associated to the Pharmaceutical Authorities) and that I may be required to document my continued education by the Board via a future audit. (If you answer yes to this question you don't need to submit any supporting documents)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Do you currently practice your profession in the District of Columbia? (if you answer yes to this question you don't need to submit any supporting documents)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

FOR ALL "YES" ANSWERS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED.



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SECTION 6. PAYMENT/MAILING INFORMATION

Make CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to DC TREASURER:
A charge of \$65.00 will be imposed for dishonored checks (Public Law 89-208)
 MAIL YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE AND CHECK TO:
**Health Regulation and Licensing Administration-
 Board of Optometry – Processing Center
 899 North Capitol Street, NE First Floor
 Washington, DC 20002
 www.hpla.doh.dc.gov**

SECTION 7. CLEAN HANDS

Clean Hands Before Receiving a License or Permit Act of 1996 Certification Form Requirement

Please read the information below carefully before responding to this yes or no question, as **any false information provided requires that the Department of Health proceed immediately to revoke your License or Permit** for which you are now applying, and fine you one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 47-2864 (2001).

IF YOU ANSWER “YES” TO THIS QUESTION, PLEASE SUBMIT PROOF OF THE ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING DEBT. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN APPROVED PAYMENT SCHEDULE TO PAY THE AMOUNT YOU OWE OR IF NO APPEAL IS PENDING, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOUR NEW LICENSE APPLICATION BE DENIED.

As of this date, do you owe more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the District of Columbia Government as a result of any of the following:

- Fines, penalties, or interest assessed pursuant to **D.C. Official Code Title 8, Chapter 8** (Litter Control Administrative Act of 1985);
- Fines or interest assessed pursuant to **D.C. Official Code Title 8, Chapter 9** (Illegal Dumping Enforcement Act of 1994);
- Fines, penalties, or interest assessed pursuant to **D.C. Official Code Title 2, Chapter 18** (Civil Infractions Act of 1985);
- Past due taxes;
- Past due District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority service fees; or
- Fines or penalties assessed pursuant to **D.C. Official Code Title 50, Chapter 23** (Traffic Adjudication)

Yes No

The information presented above is in compliance with the requirement to submit with your application for licensure or permit under the *Clean Hands Before Receiving a License or Permit Act of 1996*, effective May 11, 1996 (**D.C. Law 11-118, D.C. Code §47-2861 et seq.**).

SECTION 8. LICENSEE AFFIDAVIT

I hereby attest that the information given in this application, including all writings and exhibits attached hereto, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making a false statement on this application, including all writings and exhibits attached hereto, is punishable by criminal penalties.

LICENSEE SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

DATE

***PLEASE NOTE: PRINT AND MAIL ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR FILES.**