

**Course Title:** Georgia Opticianry Laws and Rules

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**Course Length:** One hour

**Intended Audience:** All Licensed Opticians in Georgia

**Subject Category:** Dispensing - Level II – General Knowledge

**Course Description:** *This course will present the laws and rules for opticians in Georgia. Discussion will include history, scope of practice, violations and penalties, licensing process and continuing education.*

**Learning/Instructional Outcomes:**

At the completion of this course, the participant should be able to:

- Have a better understanding of the differences between "Statutes" and "Rules"
- Be able to explain the licensing process
- Explain how Laws are enacted
- Describe how Rules come into effect
- The effect of violations of laws and rules
- Explain the scope of practice for Georgia opticians

**Teaching Method:** Lecture using laptop projection system, with participant feedback.

**AV requirements:** PowerPoint Projector with appropriate size screen for room size. Lavalier microphone. Flip chart with markers.

**Needs Assessment:** Surveys from various states. New regulations demand that HIPAA be administered.

## **OUTLINE**

### **Course Overview – 5 minutes**

- Purpose
- Definitions
- Creation of Board
  - Board Records and Seal
  - Jurisdiction of the Board

### **License requirements - 10 minutes**

- Qualifications of applicants
- Subjects to be tested on examination
- Issuance and display of license

### **Examination – 5 minutes**

- Examination fee
- Effect of failure of two examinations

### **Statute/Rules – 20 minutes**

- Reciprocity
- Registration
- Fee
- Reinstatement
- Continuing education requirement
- Waiver
- Effect of failure to complete required course hours
- Refusal or revocation of certificates of registration
- Appeal from decisions of board
- Duties when dispensing contact lenses
- Restrictions
- Qualified dispensing optician as engaging in lawful trade or occupation

### **Statute/Rules – Miscellaneous – 10 minutes**

- Advertising
- Splitting fees or costs
- Sale of nonprescription glasses; manufacture and sale of artificial eyes

- Construction of chapter
- Payment of fees in advance
- Restriction on paying out funds and creating expenses
- Unlicensed practice as public nuisance
- Injunctions
- Penalties

**Questions/Answers/Thank you – 10 minutes**