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**Agency**

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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS > BOARD OF  
EXAMINERS OF OPHTHALMIC DISPENSERS AND OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIANS

**Administrative Code Citation**

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**Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:33-6.1**

**Text**

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**Continuing Education**

Proposed: June 17, 2019, at 51 N.J.R. 911(a).

Adopted: October 16, 2019, by the Board of  
Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians, Michael  
Higgins, President.

Filed: June 12, 2020, as R.2020 d.069, **without  
change.**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:17B-41.13.

Effective Date: July 20, 2020.

Expiration Date: December 20, 2024.

**Summary** of Public  
Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended August 16, 2019. **No comments were received.**

**Statement** **Federal** **Standards**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendments.

**Full text** of the  
adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 6. CONTINUING EDUCATION

13:33-6.1 Continuing  
education requirements

(a) (No change.)

(b) Each ophthalmic dispenser licensed by the Board shall successfully complete 12 credits per biennial period of approved continuing education course work as set forth in (c), (d), and (e) below. One credit shall equal one hour of attendance at an approved course. Two credits may be carried over into a succeeding biennial

period only if earned during the last six months of the preceding biennial period.

(c) The 12 credits required under (b) above shall consist of:

1. Two credits in statutes and rules governing the practice of ophthalmic dispensing;

2. At least five credits in topics relevant to the practice of ophthalmic dispensing; and

3. At least three credits in dispensing of contact lenses in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:33-6.2.

(d) No more than two of the 12 credits required under (b) above may be in topics related to management, sales, or marketing.

(e) An ophthalmic dispenser applying for his or her first biennial renewal shall have completed one credit of continuing education on blood borne pathogens, which includes information on how blood borne pathogens are spread, how to avoid exposure to blood borne pathogens, and what to do if exposed to blood borne pathogens.

(f) During the biennial renewal period beginning on January 1, 2021, every ophthalmic dispenser shall complete one credit of continuing education on blood borne pathogens, which includes information on how blood borne pathogens are spread, how to avoid exposure to blood borne pathogens, and what to do if exposed to blood borne pathogens.

Recodify existing (c)-(f) as (g)-(j) (No change in text.)

(k) Any person desiring approval as a sponsor of a continuing education course, seminar, or program shall:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. Monitor the attendance at each approved course, furnish to each enrollee a verification of attendance, and maintain records of attendance for at least six years from the date of the course.

(l) (No change in text.)

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