

Maryland Board of Examiners in Optometry

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Renewal Instructions:

RENEWAL DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2023

Fee Schedule

License	License Fee	MHCC fee
Even Year licensees A-L	\$600.00	\$26.00

Please also note that pursuant to Senate Bill 786, each Health Occupation Board is required to collect a user fee for the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC). The fee funds the cost of services and information the MHCC provides to consumers and healthcare practitioners. The user fee is \$26.00. Please be aware that the Board collects and submits these fees to the MHCC. We do not retain these funds. For more information on the MHCC, please visit their website at <http://mhcc.maryland.gov>.




1. What are my payment options for paying the renewal fee?

You have one payment option. You can pay online by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) the Board does not accept checks. Credit card payments are only accepted online.

Read the renewal application and complete the following:

Part 1 - GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Complete all sections of the application where applicable. Some of the information has been pre-populated on your application from our current records. Please update any information that has changed. Make certain that the address you list is your address of record, principal address. This is the address that the Board can disclose to the public. Press "Submit as Complete" to validate and submit your answers, or press "Save-Not Complete" to save your answers and come back later to finish. You may also press "Cancel" to return to the menu without saving any changes you made.

 After each section is submitted and validated, the  status arrow on the menu for that part will become green . This indicates that the section (part) has been successfully completed.

Part 2 - DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

Complete all disciplinary questions. Provide a detailed explanation for each question checked "YES". Some explanations may require legal documentation that must be submitted to the Board. Your license will not be issued until such information is received and reviewed by the Board.

Part 3 - CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS-April 30, 2023 -June 30, 2023, **THE BOARD IS ACCEPTING ALL ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS.**

TPA certified optometrists are required to complete 50 hours and 30 of those hours must be in the use and management of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents and maintain a current CPR certification.

DPA certified optometrists are required to complete 36 hours and 6 of those hours must be in the use of diagnostic or therapeutic pharmaceutical agents and maintain a current CPR certification.

Non- Certified optometrists are required to complete 36 hours.

IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING

On your 2023 renewal application you will be asked to “Attest that you completed the Implicit Bias Training program. If you have not, you will not qualify for license renewal. Approved courses may be accessed at <https://health.maryland.gov/mhhd/> website.

All Implicit Bias Training programs must be approved by the Cultural Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program within Maryland Department of Health. **Other courses are not approved.**

Do not mail or send certificates, keep for your records. *THE BOARD WILL NOT ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION/ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION.**

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICATION

After all parts have been completed and the information validated, the **Submit Application and Pay Fee** button will be activated. Press this button to affirm your application and select Visa or Mastercard for your method of payment and print a copy of the online receipt for your records. **There will be a \$100 late fee assessed for online renewal after June 30, 2023.**

FOR YOUR RECORDS YOU MUST PRINT OUT A COPY OF YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION AND RECEIPT AFTER PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE.