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**ALERT - Board of Examiners in Opticianry –  
Online Continuing Education Approved for the Current Renewal Cycle/Year**

Due to the current public health emergency, the SC Board of Examiners in Opticianry has approved the following provisions regarding continuing education requirements for the current renewal cycle:

- 1) As previously approved, SC licensed opticians and contact lens dispensing have the option to obtain all required hours for the 2021 renewal in either year of the two-year renewal cycle. **ADDITIONALLY**, the Board has approved allowing all required continuing education hours to be obtained **either** in-person or online, in ABO or NCLE-approved courses only. However, ABO/NCLE online courses are only acceptable if they are technical in content. These provisions pertain **ONLY** to the renewal cycle ending October 1, 2021.
- 2) SC registered apprentices have the option to obtain the required four (4) hours of continuing education through ABO-approved in-person or online courses. ABO online courses will only be accepted if they are technical courses relating to the skills applicable to apprentice training. These provisions pertain **ONLY** to the renewal year ending October 1, 2021.

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