

TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 16 OPTOMETRIC PRACTITIONERS
PART 10 RENEWAL OF NEW MEXICO OPTOMETRY LICENSES

16.16.10.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Board of Optometry.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.1 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.1, 3/15/2001; A, 3/15/2004; A, 7/6/2012]

16.16.10.2 SCOPE: Part 10 of Chapter 16 applies to all New Mexico optometry licensees.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.2 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.2, 3/15/2001]

16.16.10.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Optometry Act, Sections 61-2-1 to-18 NMSA1978.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.3 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.3, 3/15/2001, A, 2/26/2022; A, 12/27/2022]

16.16.10.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.4 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.4, 3/15/2001]

16.16.10.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 1995, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[10/14/1995; 10/15/1997; 16.16.10.5 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.5, 3/15/2001; A, 3/15/2004]

16.16.10.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective of Part 10 of Chapter 16 is to set forth the requirements and procedures for license renewal. Through the renewal process, the board ensures that licensees are continuing the educational process and keeping up with advancements in the profession.
[10/14/1995; 10/15/1997; 16.16.10.6 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.6, 3/15/2001]

16.16.10.7 DEFINITIONS: “Expired license” means the license has not been renewed by the license expiration date in accordance with 16.16.11.8 NMAC, but is still under the statutory authority of the board for the period specified in 16.16.11.16 NMAC. “Temporarily Active License” means the license will remain temporarily active with respect to optometric practice between June 1st and June 30th.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.7 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.7, 3/15/2001; A, 3/15/2004; A, 6/25/2015; A, xx/xx/2026]

16.16.10.8 LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE: All current New Mexico optometry licenses not renewed by July 1 of every year shall be considered expired. Initial licenses may be issued for a period greater than twelve months, but less than twenty-four months, in order to align the license expiration date with the renewal cycle.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.8 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.8, 3/15/2001; A, 3/22/2008; A, 7/6/2012; A, 12/27/2022]

16.16.10.9 ~~[LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE: Licenses must be renewed on or before July 1 of each year to be considered current.]~~ LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE/GRACE PERIOD: Licenses must be renewed on or before June 1 of each year to be considered current. A Grace Period of 30 days will be extended to those who miss the deadline of June 1st of each year. A New Mexico Optometric Physician license that has not been renewed by June 1st of the renewal year will remain temporarily active with respect to optometric practice until June 30th of the renewal year.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.9 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.9, 3/15/2001; A, xx/xx/2026]

16.16.10.10 LICENSE RENEWAL NOTIFICATION: License renewal notification will be ~~[mailed]~~ sent out at least ~~[45]~~ 30 days prior to the expiration date of the license.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.10 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.10, 3/15/2001; A, 7/6/2012; A, xx/xx/2026]

16.16.10.11 CURRENT ADDRESS NOTIFICATION:

A. License renewal notification will be mailed to the last address on file with the board. It is the responsibility of the licensee to keep the board informed of any changes in home or employment addresses and phone numbers.

B. It is a licensee’s responsibility to renew a license. Failure to receive the renewal notification shall not relieve the licensee of the responsibility of renewing the license by the expiration date.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.11 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.11, 3/15/2001; A, 7/6/2012]

16.16.10.12 RENEWAL APPLICATION:

A. A completed license renewal application, verification of continuing education, a current CPR certification and applicable renewal fee must be received in the board office on or before ~~July 1~~ June 1 of every year. The CPR course shall show a current certification attesting to completion of a CPR course offered by the American red cross, the American heart association, or the American safety and health institute (ASHI). The course cannot be a self-study. CPR is not considered continuing education.

B. The board may audit any licensee's continuing education documentation for the current licensing year and the two previous years.

C. Proof of any disqualifying criminal convictions as defined in 16.16.21.12 NMAC.
[10/14/1995; 16.16.10.12 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 16.10.12, 3/15/2001; A, 3/22/2008; A, 7/6/2012; A, 6/25/2015; A, 2/26/2022; A, xx/xx/2026]

HISTORY of 16.16.10 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: None

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Other History:

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