

Tennessee Board of Dispensing Opticians
Policy on Continuing Education Violations

The Tennessee Board of Dispensing Opticians requires each licensee to complete clock hours of approved continuing education during each calendar year. CE requirements will be set each January by the board and licensees will be notified in writing.

In the event a licensee is found to be deficient in the number of required continuing education (CE) hours for a particular year, that person will be required to pay a one-time civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and make up the deficient hours.

The civil penalty must be paid, and all deficient CE hours must be taken and documented by the Board, by the end of the calendar year in which Department staff mails the licensee a notice of deficiency.

Notice of and discipline for CE deficiency will be assessed by the Department via Agreed Citation, which will detail the licensee's rights and obligations under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-5-301, *et seq.* The discipline assessed in accordance with this continuing education policy constitutes formal discipline against a practitioner's license and as such will be reported on the Tennessee Department of Health's website and will be noted on the practitioner's licensure profile.

If such licensee fails to pay the civil penalty and demonstrate that he or she has cured the CE deficiency within in the calendar year in which he receives notification, the Department will file a licensure complaint and the licensee will be prosecuted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-5-301, *et seq.*

Adopted by the Board of Dispensing Opticians on the 15th day of October 2008.