

Tennessee Board of Optometry  
Policy on Continuing Education Violations

The rules of the Tennessee Board of Optometry require each licensee to complete thirty (30) hours of approved continuing education (CE) during the two (2) calendar years (January 1 – December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year.

If a licensee is found to be deficient in the number or type of required CE hours for a reporting period, the Board will issue a Letter of Warning. The licensee has ninety (90) days from the date of the letter to make up the deficient hours.

If the licensee fails to make up the deficient hours within ninety (90) days, the Board will assess a civil penalty in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and require the licensee to make up the deficient hours, along with six (6) additional hours, all within ninety (90) days.

The civil penalty may be assessed by an Agreed Citation. The assessment of a civil penalty is considered formal discipline. As a result, the discipline will be reported on the Board's website and reported to the National Healthcare Integrity and Protection Databank.

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**Adopted by the Board of Optometry on the 5th day of November, 2008.**