

20-128-6. Patient records**State Board of Examiners in Optometry****20-128-6. Patient records**

In the practice of his profession each licensed optometrist shall keep an adequate chart or record on file for each patient examined by him. He shall make a complete minimum examination and shall keep a record from actual tests made on each patient, which record shall show the following minimum conditions:

- (1) Complete history and symptoms;
- (2) habitual visual acuities;
- (3) external examination, including motility tests;
- (4) ophthalmoscopic examination recording description of all media and grounds, nervehead and vascular tree;
- (5) phoria tests vertical and horizontal for near and far;
- (6) tests for fusion near and far;
- (7) keratometer (ophthalmometer) readings;
- (8) refraction obtained retinoscopically;
- (9) refraction obtained subjectively including tests for astigmatism and axis;
- (10) amplitudes of accommodation, convergence and divergence;
- (11) disposition of case and prescription with corrected visual acuities right eye, left eye, both eyes, including facial measurements.

20-128-8. Continuing education requirements for annual license renewal

- (a) Every optometrist actively engaged in the practice of optometry in the State of Connecticut, shall submit satisfactory proof that he has attended, during the twelve month period immediately preceding the date of registration, at least eight clock hours of post graduate study, (each year) as a prerequisite for the renewal of his license. The board shall designate the courses of study which will be recognized and the method of certifying satisfactory completion of said course to the state board. In no instance shall the board require a greater number of hours of study than are available within the State of Connecticut within a twelve month period, although recognized courses of study given outside the state are also acceptable.
- (b) Those optometrists who because of illness or other extraordinary situations are unable to comply with regulation, may make application to the state board, and the board, in its discretion, may relieve the applicant from complying for such time and under such circumstances as the board deems proper.
- (c) The board will, from time to time, (at least once every two years) issue and/or revise the designated courses of study which it recognizes as acceptable. Any request for board approval of a specific educational program for recognition by the board, must be submitted in a timely manner with due regard for the necessity of investigation and consideration by the board.
- (d) Evidence of completion of acceptable course is the responsibility of the optometrist. A signed certificate by the person or institution responsible for the course will be required as evidence of course completion. Failure to comply with the above regulation by January 1st of each year, will be considered a reason for nonrenewal of license.
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