

CONTACT LENS REGULATIONS

12-2654. *Dispensing Optician with a Class-II License to be in charge and on duty.* Every place of business in the District wherein ophthalmic dispensing including the filling of contact lens prescriptions is practiced, must have a Dispensing Optician with a Class-II License in full charge of ophthalmic dispensing and on duty at all times when ophthalmic dispensing is practiced.

12-2655. *Work to be performed in presence of Dispensing Optician.* No Dispensing Optician who is in charge of a place of business in the District wherein ophthalmic dispensing including the filling of contact lens prescriptions is practiced shall permit any trainee, apprentice, unlicensed optician, or other employee in such place of business, to perform any ophthalmic dispensing service required in the filling of contact lens prescriptions, unless a Dispensing Optician with a Class-II License is at the side of and is supervising the trainee, apprentice, unlicensed optician, or other employee during the entire time he is rendering such ophthalmic dispensing service.

12-2656. *Direct dispensing of contact lenses prohibited.* It shall be a violation of these Regulations for a Dispensing Optician, when filling a contact lens prescription, to dispense such lens or lenses directly to the intended wearer thereof, or to permit the dispensing of such lens or lenses directly to the intended wearer thereof. When a Dispensing Optician has completed the filling of a contact lens prescription, including fitting, adapting and instruction in wearing, proper handling and care, he shall be responsible for delivery of such contact lens or lenses directly to the physician or optometrist who wrote the prescription. Under no circumstances shall a Dispensing Optician, upon filling a contact lens prescription, permit the intended wearer thereof to leave the premises of the place of business with such lens or lenses in his possession. In the event that the physician or optometrist who wrote the original prescription concludes from examination that additional work is needed on the lens or lenses, he shall be responsible for the return delivery of same directly to the Dispensing Optician. Thereafter, when the Dispensing Optician has completed the additional work, he shall once more return the contact lens or lenses directly to the physician or optometrist concerned.

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

12-2657. *Licensee to be in charge and on duty.* Every place of business in the District wherein ophthalmic dispensing excluding the filling of contact lens prescriptions is practiced, must have a Dispensing Optician in full charge of ophthalmic dispensing and on duty at all times when ophthalmic dispensing is practiced.

12-2658. *Display of license required.* Each person to whom a license has been issued shall keep such license displayed in a conspicuous place in his principal office or place of business wherein he practices ophthalmic dispensing. He shall, upon request, exhibit such license to any authorized agent of the Department. Should any licensee maintain more than one office or place of business in which he practices ophthalmic dispensing, he shall keep a duplicate of his original license displayed in a conspicuous place in each such additional office or place of business in which he practices ophthalmic dispensing.

12-2659. *Prescriptions to be on file and open to inspection.* Every person engaged in the business of filling prescriptions for ophthalmic dispensing services shall keep a suitable book or file in which shall be preserved, for a period of at least three years, the original of every prescription for ophthalmic dispensing services filled at that place of business. Upon request, the Dispensing Optician in charge of such place of business shall furnish to the prescribing physician or optometrist, or to the person for whom such prescription was written, a true and correct copy thereof. All prescriptions, files and records pertaining to the sale of ophthalmic dispensing services shall at all times be open to inspection by duly authorized agents of the Department.

12-2660. *Notification of change of name or address required.* Each holder of a license shall, within five days after any change of name or address, register such change, in writing, with the Director.

12-2661. *Fees to be collected for services rendered.* The Commissioners shall, from time to time, fix the amount of the fees which shall be charged for the following services:

- (a) for reviewing and processing an application for a license;
- (b) for administering examinations and re-examinations;
- (c) for issuing licenses and renewals thereof,