

RULEMAKING DOCKET NO. 24-1001-2601
RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to Idaho Code section 67-5225(2)(b), the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) provides the following record of public comments received for Rulemaking Docket No. 24-1001-2601, involving changes to the Rules of the State Board of Optometry (IDAPA 24.10.01).

This rulemaking explores removing the outdated Annual Fund fee from the fee table. Due to statutory changes, this fee is no longer a fee collected by the Division. This rulemaking does not propose a fee increase. It simply removes a fee altogether.

Procedural Overview:

The Proposed Rule notice for this docket was published in the [August 5, 2026](#) Administrative Bulletin, in accordance with Idaho Code section 67-5225(2)(a). This notice contained details on how to submit public comments and participate in the public hearing set for August 13, 2026.

The 21-Day Public Comment Period began on August 5, 2026, and concluded on August 26, 2026.

August 13, 2026, Public Hearing:

No members of the public attended the public hearing held on August 13, 2026. Therefore, no additional public comments were received at that time.

Next Steps:

The Board of Optometry will vote to adopt Pending Rules at their September 1, 2026, Board meeting.

Materials pertaining to the rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the DOPL website via the following link: <https://dopl.idaho.gov/rulemaking/>

For assistance on technical questions concerning this rulemaking, please contact **Ryan Bernard, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief**, at (775) 870-7926.

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DIVISION RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

The table below presents the Division's response to each public comment submitted for this rulemaking docket. The corresponding public comments appear on the following page(s) of this document.

Date	Submitted By	Response
8/18/2026	Idaho Optometric Physicians	These comments were communicated to the Board, and it agreed to incorporate the suggested change to clarify when Continuing Education hours are required to be completed for renewal of licensure.



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Dear Mr. Bernard

The Idaho Optometric Physicians is proposing the following changes to the Rules of the State Board of Optometry.

Current Proposed Language

24.10.01 – RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

05. Continuing Education In Optometry.

a. Hours Required. Each optometrist licensed by the state of Idaho shall attend ~~in each calendar~~ year, prior to license renewal, a minimum of ~~eighteen~~ **thirty-six (36)** full hours of approved optometric continuing education courses or meetings.

Proposed Revised Language

24.10.01 – RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

05. Continuing Education In Optometry.

a. Hours Required Each optometrist licensed by the State of Idaho shall attend, **during the two (2) years prior to the date of licensure expiration**, a minimum of **thirty-six (36)** full hours of approved optometric continuing education courses or meetings **to be eligible for licensure renewal**.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed change. We appreciate your time and attention to this matter and look forward to working with you through the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

Idaho Optometric Physicians