320.280 Renewal certificates.

(1) All optometrists desiring to continue practice shall annually, prior to March 1, secure from the secretary-treasurer of the board a renewal certificate upon the payment of a fee of not more than two hundred dollars ($200). Not later than February 15 of each year the board shall notify by mail all optometrists of the renewal date and fee. Application for a renewal shall be upon a form prescribed by the board and the optometrist shall furnish the information required by the form.

(2) As a prerequisite for license renewal, all optometrists now or hereafter licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are and shall be required to take annual courses of study in subjects relating to the practice of optometry to the end that the utilization and application of new techniques, scientific and clinical advances, and the achievement of research will assure expansive and comprehensive care to the public. The annual courses of study shall include the course described in KRS 214.610(1) at least one (1) time every ten (10) years, but the board may in its discretion require completion of the course more frequently. The length and content of study shall be prescribed by the board but shall not exceed eight (8) hours in any calendar year, with the exception of those optometrists who are authorized to prescribe therapeutic agents who shall be required to have additional credit hours of continuing education in ocular therapy and pharmacology, the amount of required credit hours to be determined by the board, but not to exceed an additional seventeen (17) credit hours, for a total not to exceed twenty-five (25) credit hours per year. Attendance shall be at a course or by a sponsor approved by the board. Attendance at any course or courses of study is to be certified to the board upon a form provided by the board and shall be submitted by each licensed optometrist at the time he makes application to the board for the renewal of his license and payment of his renewal fee. The board may waive the continuing education requirement in cases of illness or undue hardship.

(3) Failure of any optometrist to secure his renewal certificate within sixty (60) days after March 1, shall constitute sufficient cause for the board to revoke his license.

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