

**South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules**

A public hearing will be held at Tieszen Law Office, Prof. LLC, 306 East Capitol, Suite 300, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, on August 26, 2016, at 8:45 a.m. (CST), to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered:

ARSD 20:50:08:02; 20:50:08:02.03, 20:50:08:04 and 20:50:04 Appendix A

20:50:08:02, 20:50:08:02.03, and 20:50:08:04. The reason for these rule changes is to update continuing education (CE) requirements. The effect of these rule changes will be to (1) allow patient protection and compliance issues as an acceptable course of CE study, (2) clarify the number of CE hours that may be credited in this course of study, and (3) update the acceptable methods of providing to the Board evidence of completion of CE.

20:50:04 Appendix A. The reason for this rule change is to update the scope of practice/clinical procedural codes for optometrists. The effect of this rule change will be to allow optometrist to perform additional clinical procedures.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed amendments may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry, P.O. Box 6, Langford, SD 57454. Material sent by mail must reach the South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry by August 26, 2016, to be considered.

The board will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rule. The board may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Tieszen Law Office, Prof. LLC, at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 224-1500.

A copy of the proposed rule may be obtained without charge from: Executive Secretary, South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry, PO Box 6, Langford, SD 57454; or, from the SD Administrative Rules Website: <http://rules.sd.gov>

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