



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY NEWSLETTER

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Reminders

- You must renew your license by midnight on December 31, 2024. After that time, there will be a \$15 late renewal fee. Click [here](#) to renew.
- If you are PEP certified, your YAG outcomes for 2024 must be reported to the Board Office. Please use the form found [here](#).
- It is the responsibility of each optometrist to notify the Board Office 14 days prior to any changes in business or personal mailing addresses and/or telephone numbers (refer to Rule 8.15 of the Mississippi State Board of Optometry Rules and Regulations).

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Board Licensed Optometrists

The Board administers examinations on the second Saturdays of January and July as statutorily required. The newly licensed Mississippi optometrists for 2024 are:

January

Angelica Jones, OD

Haven Richardson, OD

July

Andrea Bell, OD

Leslie Jones, OD

Michael Bifano, OD

Andrew McDonald, OD

Emma Byers, OD

Stephanie McMillen, OD

Mallory Clark, OD

Hannah Massengale, OD

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Takeva Hicks, OD

Mary Theresa Taormina, OD

Amanda Howell, OD

Jennifer Willcox, OD

Zachary James, OD

James Williamson, OD

Jay Johnson, OD

CE Requirements and CPR Renewals

The Mississippi Continuing Education requirements are 20 hours annually. A minimum of 10 hours must be TPA (therapeutic); 1 hour minimum each in DEA and CPR (both current at the time of renewal). A minimum of 6 hours is required if PEP certified. If you were enrolled in Optometry school any time during the current calendar year, you are exempt from the continuing education requirements.

OE TRACKER

The Board encourages all renewing optometrists to utilize OE TRACKER to report CE hours during renewal. OE TRACKER can save you time and reduce your paperwork by tracking all your CE credits electronically. If you don't know your OE TRACKER number you can [look it up here](#) on ARBO's website (www.arbo.org).