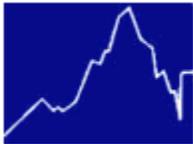


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### **News You Need: Regulatory Update**

Amendments to the Regulations of the Board of Optometry which govern the practice of optometry in Virginia are effective on September 23, 2015. The amendments will:

1. Add Schedule II controlled substances consisting of hydrocodone in combination with acetaminophen to the list of controlled substances that may be prescribed by a TPA-certified optometrist. The regulation change is consistent with the amendment to the Code of Virginia that became effective July 1, 2015.
2. Reduce renewal fees for 2015. The one-time fee reduction will be as follows:

From October 31, 2015 to December 31, 2015, the following renewal fees shall be in effect:

Annual licensure renewal without TPA certification - \$100 (\$50 reduction)

Annual licensure renewal with TPA certification - \$135 (\$65 reduction)

Annual professional designation renewal (per location) - \$30 (\$20 reduction)

[Click Here](#) for the regulation in effect on September 23, 2015. Please contact the Board office at [optbd@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:optbd@dhp.virginia.gov) if you have any questions about these changes.