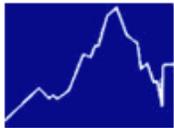


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Effective Date for Regulatory Action

The following regulatory action became effective on **September 21, 2016**:

Conforming continuing education (CE) regulations with 2016 Code of Virginia changes: During the 2016 General Assembly Session, [HB564](#) amended § 54.1- 3219 of the Code of Virginia. This section relates to CE required to renew a license issued by the Virginia Board of Optometry. [Click here](#) to review final text related to the change.

During the Board's [July 15, 2016](#) board meeting, it voted to continue the previous CE requirements for the remainder of the 2016 calendar year and allow up to 10 hours of CE obtained on or after July 1, 2016, in excess of 20 CE hours to be carried over to 2017. All CE carried over must meet the new regulatory requirements. Please note that if selected for an audit and carryover hours are submitted, documentation of having met the previous year's requirements must also be submitted.

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