



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Optometry, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC105-20-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Practice of Optometry
Action title	Address of record; changes of addresses
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Pursuant to the 2009 Acts of the Assembly (SB1282 - Chapter 687), the Board of Optometry has amended its regulations relating to the responsibility of the licensee or registrant to provide current addresses. Chapter 687 requires that every licensee provide an address of record for use by the Board and the Department, but permits a person to provide a second address to be used as the public address. If a second address is not provided, the address of record becomes the public address. Regulations are amended to use the statutory terminology of address of record and to clarify that the regulant has a responsibility to notify the board if there is a change in the public address as well as the address of record (if there is a difference).

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On April 21, 2009, the Board of Optometry acted to amend its regulations in Chapter 20 *Regulations Governing the Practice of Optometry* to conform requirements for providing a current address to changes in § 54.1-2400.02 of the Code of Virginia. The action is exempt in the Administrative Process Act under § 2.2-4006 of the Code of Virginia and will become effective on July 1, 2009, the effective date of the legislation.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This action has no impact on the institution of the family and family stability.