



Board for Barbers and Cosmetology

PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

18 VAC 80-30-20 Approved Related Technical Instruction

Adopted: June 13, 2019

Revised: October 31, 2019

Amended: December 8, 2022

Amended: June 21, 2023

Anticipated Effective Date: September 13, 2023

I. Background

In 2019, the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians (the “Board”) approved a formal guidance document to include a listing of board approved optician related technical instruction related to registered apprenticeships with the Department of Labor and Industry (“DOLI”). On August 17, 2022, the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians updated the guidance document to conform with regulatory changes made in October 2021. The revised language on the related technical instruction component of registered apprenticeships aligned the Board’s guidance with the then current practices and requirements of DOLI, which administers registered apprenticeships.

II. Applicable Regulations and Minutes Excerpt

18 VAC 80-30-20. of the Optician Regulations establishes the training option of completion of a registered apprenticeship including all required related technical instruction.

III. Consideration of Board Policy

At the June 21, 2023 Board meeting, Optical Training Institute was approved as a related technical instruction provider, therefore the 2022 guidance document needs to be revised to reflect the current list of approved related technical instruction as the Ophthalmic Career Progression Program through the National Academy of Opticianry, the Opticians Apprenticeship Career Studies through Reynolds Community College, the Dispensing Optician program through Norfolk Technical Center, and the Optician Development Program through Optical Training Institute.

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians will be taking public comment on this proposed guidance document. A 30-day comment period will begin on August 14, 2023.

If you wish to comment on the proposed guidance document, you may do so via the Town Hall website or you may submit written comments so that they are received by September 13, 2023.

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Board Regulation 18 VAC 80-30-20.5.b establishes the training option of completion of a registered apprenticeship including all required related technical instruction. The following related technical instruction curriculums are approved by the Board:

Ophthalmic Career Progression Program

National Academy of Opticianry

<https://www.nao.org/cpp/>

Opticians Apprenticeship Career Studies

Reynolds Community College

http://www.reynolds.edu/_onlinecatalog/current/academic-programs/degreescareer-studies/opticians_apprenticecsc_160-04.aspx

Dispensing Optician

Norfolk Technical Center

<https://www.npsk12.com/Page/10298>

Optician Development Program

Optical Training Institute

<https://opticaltraining.com/optician-development-program/>