

STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS AND PEDORTHICS
OPPCE REMINDER – LICENSEES WITH FIRST ISSUE DATES IN 2003 OR 2006

The upcoming license renewal (licenses expiring January 31, 2010) marks the OPPCE accrual reporting cycle for renewing licensees whose first issue dates were during calendar years 2003 and 2006. In accordance with [Ohio Revised Code §4779.20](#):

- CE units must first be reported to the Board at the time of a licensee's 4th license renewal, **and subsequently at every 3rd license renewal thereafter.**
- CE units **must be accrued during the 3-year period prior to the renewal due date (i.e., January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2009)**

[ORC § 4779.20 - Renewal](#) provides as follows regarding the **number of units/points** that are required for reporting:

- licensed as an orthotist **or** prosthetist: 45 CE units
- licensed as a pedorthist: 33 CE units
- licensed as a prosthetist **and** orthotist: 75 CE units

Question: How do I know if I need to attest to CE accrual during the upcoming license renewal registration?

Answer: Unfortunately, the database does not provide for tracking of CE reporting dates that do not coincide exactly with renewal cycles; that is, there is no separate CE reporting "expiration/renewal" date. However, we do track the date of first issuance. If you hold an LPO license that you gained in two steps in separate years – first one profession and then the other – and your first issue date is 2006, you may have a reduced requirement given a year or two holding only a single profession license. For an exact calculation, contact the Board office if you have any question in this regard.

Question: How do I know if my license was first issued in 2003 or 2006?

*Answer: We print the "date of first issuance" on license renewal forms, so if you keep copies of your renewal forms, pull a copy of your form from last year, and check the date there. In addition, the [online license verification](#) available from the website – click on "license verification" on the left-hand navigation at <http://opp.ohio.gov>, **fill in last name only on the search page**, then click through to the full verification information – the final page displays credential information, name, business contact information and date of first issuance.*

Question: Will the Board office respond to individual requests to check my cycle?

Answer: Yes, but on a limited basis. Given our limitations in staff size and time, we would request that you perform your own research first as suggested above. However, if you find [your records](#) are lacking and you need further guidance, send a request by fax or [email](#) – telephone requests should be avoided, please. Make sure your fax or email request clearly states your name and license number(s). We will try to respond within 24 hours of receipt of any such request, but please allow up to three business days.

Question: Where can I get more information about Ohio CE (OPPCE) requirements?

Answer: Basic information is posted to the website at [this page](#). [<http://opp.ohio.gov/conted.stm>]