

**STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS AND PEDORTHICS**  
**OPPCE REMINDER – LICENSES FIRST ISSUE DATE 2001 OR 2004**

For many and perhaps most licensees in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, the upcoming license renewal (licenses expiring January 31, 2008) marks the second OPPCE accrual reporting cycle for renewing licensees. In accordance with [Ohio Revised Code §4779.20](#):

- CE units must first be reported to the Board at the time of a licensee's 4<sup>th</sup> license renewal, **and subsequently at every 3<sup>rd</sup> license renewal thereafter**
- CE units **must be accrued during the 3-year period prior to the renewal due date (i.e., January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2007)**

[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\*\* (see brief discussion below)
- 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, so most licensees whose licenses were first issued in the year 2001 – likely under grandfathering – will be in the reporting group for the upcoming renewal registration. Generally, we will assume that a first issuance date in 2001 indicates compliance must be reported during this cycle.*

**Question: How do I know if my license was first issued in 2001?**

*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. We also audited the vast majority of licensees who first reported CE for the 2002-2004 accrual period, so if you responded to such an audit in 2005 or 2006 (and your paperwork shows reporting for the 2002-2004 accrual period), you are likely required to report compliance with your renewal registration due by January 31, 2008.*

**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 paperwork 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 will not be accepted. Make sure your fax or email request clearly states your name and license number(s). We will try to respond within 3 business days of receipt of any such request.*

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

*Answer: Basic information is posted to the website at [this page](#).*

---

**\*\*** The statute states: "In the case of an individual licensed as a pedorthist, the individual has completed within the previous three years the continuing education courses required by the board for certification in pedorthics or an equivalent organization recognized by the board." While BCP required 32 units or points over a 3-year period, the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics is requiring 55 units over a 5-year period. Thus, the annualized "rate" is 11 units per year, and the guideline the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics will offer will conform to that standard at 33 units for the 3-year reporting period (11 units per year).