

481—761.1(154) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Active license*” means a license that is current and has not expired.

“*Approved program/activity*” means a continuing education program/activity meeting the standards set forth in these rules.

“*Audit*” means the selection of licensees for verification of satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements during a specified time period.

“*Board*” means the board of optometry.

“*CELMO*” means the Council on Endorsed Licensure Mobility for Optometrists.

“*Continuing education*” means planned, organized learning acts designed to maintain, improve, or expand a licensee’s knowledge and skills in order for the licensee to develop new knowledge and skills relevant to the enhancement of practice, education, or theory development to improve the safety and welfare of the public.

“*Distance learning*” means a format that provides one-way content to the licensee without immediate interaction with the instructor, including but not limited to correspondence courses, online courses and local study group programs.

“*Hour of continuing education*” means at least 50 minutes spent by a licensee in actual attendance at and completion of an approved continuing education activity.

“*Inactive license*” means a license that has expired because it was not renewed by the end of the grace period.

“*Independent study*” means a subject/program/activity that a person pursues autonomously that meets standards for approval criteria in the rules and includes a posttest.

“*Interactive online CE*” means the format allows for immediate interaction and feedback between the audience and the instructor.

“*License*” means license to practice.

“*Licensee*” means any person licensed to practice as an optometrist in the state of Iowa.

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