

**645—181.2(154) Continuing education requirements.**

**181.2(1)** The biennial continuing education compliance period will extend for a two-year period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of each even-numbered year. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as an optometrist in this state will be required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of continuing education that meets the standards in this chapter. Continuing education hours cannot be carried over to the next biennium.

**181.2(2)** Requirements of new licensees. Those persons licensed for the first time shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses. Continuing education hours acquired anytime from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used.

**181.2(3)** Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity.

**181.2(4)** The licensee is responsible for the cost of continuing education.  
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