

STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS AND PEDORTHICS
OPPCE REMINDER
LICENSEES WITH FIRST ISSUE DATES IN: 2003 2006 2009 AND 2012

The upcoming license renewal (licenses expiring January 31, 2016) generally marks the OPPCE accrual reporting cycle for renewing licensees with first issue dates as noted above. 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, 2013 - December 31, 2015)**

[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: The extra number "tagged" onto your regular license number identifies your OPPCE renewal reporting cycle. For the upcoming renewal, the data tag is displayed as a " - 3 " after the other digits in your license number. Although there may be an exception or two, generally this enumeration was applied for licenses **first issued in 2003, 2006, 2009 or 2012.***

Question: How do I know when my license was first issued?

*Answer: (1) We print the "date of first issuance" on license renewal forms.
(2) Click on "license verification" link in the left-hand navigation pane 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. However, if 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: Does the Board track my OPPCE accrual?

Answer: No; the Board only audits your statement of compliance subsequent to the relevant renewal process. Generally, your CE activity is tracked by your national credentialing partner. If you do not maintain your private credential, you must maintain your own CE records to comply with [regulatory language](#) and audit processes.

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

Answer: Basic information is posted to the <http://opp.ohio.gov> website under Continuing Education.