

**STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS AND PEDORTHICS**  
Regulatory Language Addressing Continuing Education

**What the Statute says**

(for Rules language, see over)

**ORC § 4779.20 Renewal of license.**

(A) An individual seeking to renew a license issued under section 4779.09 of the Revised Code shall, on or before the day the license expires pursuant to section 4779.19 of the Revised Code, apply for renewal. The state board of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics shall send renewal notices at least one month prior to the expiration date.

Applications shall be submitted to the board on forms the board prescribes and furnishes. Each application shall be accompanied by a renewal fee specified in rules adopted by the board under section 4779.08 of the Revised Code, except that the board may waive part of the renewal fee for the first renewal of an initial license that expires one hundred days or less after it is issued.

(B) Beginning with the fourth renewal and every third renewal thereafter, a license holder must certify to the board one of the following:

(1) In the case of an individual licensed as an orthotist or prosthetist, the individual has completed within the preceding three years forty-five continuing education units granted by the board under section 4779.24 of the Revised Code;

(2) In the case of an individual licensed as a prosthetist and orthotist, the individual has completed within the preceding three years seventy-five continuing education units granted by the board under section 4779.24 of the Revised Code;

(3) 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.

HISTORY: 148 v S 238 (Eff 10-27-2000); 149 v H 94. Eff 6-6-2001.

**§ 4779.23 Continuing education courses.**

(A) To be eligible for approval by the state board of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics, a continuing education course must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) Include significant intellectual or practical content and be designed to improve the professional competence of participants;

(2) Deal with matters directly related to the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics, including professional responsibility, ethical obligations, or similar subjects that the board considers necessary to maintain and improve the quality of orthotic and prosthetic services in this state;

(3) Involve in-person instruction, except that a course may use self-study materials if the materials are prepared and presented by a group with appropriate practical experience;

(4) Be presented in a setting that is physically suited to the course;

(5) Include thorough, high-quality written material;

(6) Meet any other requirements the board considers appropriate.

(B) The board shall, in accordance with the standards in division (A) of this section, review and approve continuing education courses. If the board does not approve a course, it shall provide a written explanation of the reason for the denial to the person that requested approval. The board may approve continuing education courses approved by boards of other states that regulate orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics if the other board's standards for approving continuing education courses are equivalent to the standards established pursuant to division (A) of this section.

HISTORY: 148 v S 238. Eff 10-27-2000.

**§ 4779.24 Granting of continuing education units.**

The state board of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics shall grant continuing education units to individuals licensed under this chapter on the following basis:

(A) For completing a continuing education course approved by the board under section 4779.23 of the Revised Code, one unit for each hour of instruction received;

(B) For teaching as a faculty member a course in orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics that is part of the curriculum of an institution of higher education, one-half unit for each semester hour of the course, or an equivalent unit for each quarter or trimester hour of the course;

(C) For teaching other than as a faculty member a course that is part of an institution of higher education's orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics curriculum, one unit for each hour teaching the course;

(D) For teaching a continuing education course that is approved by the board under section 4779.23 of the Revised Code that is not part of an institution of higher education's orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics curriculum, three units for each hour teaching the course for the first time and one-half unit for each hour teaching the course each time thereafter.

HISTORY: 148 v S 238. Eff 10-27-2000.

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**OAC Rule 4779-9-01 - General OPPCE requirements and reporting mechanism for continuing education for orthotists, prosthetists and pedorthists (OPPCE).**

(A) All licensees shall verify the successful attainment of approved OPPCE as set forth in rule 4779-9-02 of the Administrative Code.

(1) A licensed **orthotist or prosthetist** must achieve **forty-five OPPCE units** during each three-year accrual period.

(2) A licensed **orthotist and prosthetist** or licensed **prosthetist-orthotist** must achieve **seventy-five OPPCE units** during each three-year accrual period.

(3) A licensed **pedorthist** must achieve **thirty-three OPPCE units** during each three-year accrual period.

(B) **OPPCE hours must be earned no later than thirty days prior to the license expiration date for that renewal period.** An excess of approved hours attained during a renewal period will not be applied towards future requirements, unless they are earned after signature date on the renewal application for that period.

(C) The application for renewal shall include a section for verification of OPPCE compliance. Licensees shall complete the section to certify the completion of the required hours of OPPCE for the current renewal period.

(D) **It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to maintain and keep all records to serve as documentation for any audit pertaining to the completion of OPPCE requirements;** including, but not limited to certificates of completion, transcripts, letters of attendance, or attendance registers. **Records shall be maintained for a period of four years beyond the renewal date requiring attestation of OPPCE compliance** for the holders of a license issued under Revised Code sections 4779.10, 4779.11, 4779.12, 4779.13, 4779.16, and 4779.17, and for a period of three years or three renewal periods for the holders of a temporary license issued under section 4779.18 of the Revised Code. Legible copies shall be sent to the board only in response to an audit.

(E) Failure to meet OPPCE requirements or failure to provide attestation of completion of necessary OPPCE hours sent to the board by January thirty-first of any relevant renewal year may result in automatic suspension of license by April first of that year, pursuant to section 4779.20 of the Revised Code. Failure to verify completion of necessary OPPCE hours within thirty days after receipt of an audit request from the board may result in disciplinary action pursuant to Revised Code section 4779.28. If reinstatement is desired, such individual shall be required to submit a formal request for reinstatement of licensure.

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**4779-9-02 - Activities which meet the OPPCE requirements**

Applicants for renewal shall successfully complete the required number of OPPCE hours according to section 4779.20 of the Revised Code.

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(B) Beginning with the fourth renewal and every third renewal thereafter, a license holder must certify to the board one of the following:

(1) In the case of an individual licensed as an **orthotist or prosthetist**, the individual has completed **within the preceding three years forty-five continuing education units** granted by the board under section 4779.24 of the Revised Code;

(2) In the case of an individual licensed as a **prosthetist and orthotist**, the individual has completed **within the preceding three years seventy-five continuing education units** granted by the board under section 4779.24 of the Revised Code;

(3) 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.

*The board will accept as continuing education units all courses approved\* by the board for orthotist/ prosthetist certification (BOC), and the American board for certification in orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics (ABC). (emphasis added)*

*The board will also accept continuing education units as specified by Revised Code section 4779.24.*

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**\* PLEASE NOTE: The State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics makes no distinction between “Business” and “Scientific” CE coursework. If the coursework is ABC or BOC approved, it qualifies for credit under the terms of the Ohio statutory language.**

SEE ALSO:

**[OAC RULE 4779-9-03](#)**  
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