

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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Name of Department Department of Health

Agency or Division Name Division of Health Related Boards: Board of Dispensing Opticians

Other Subdivision or Department, If Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Agency Name, If Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Rule Board of Dispensing Opticians Rule 9 Licensure, Registry or Office Permit Requirements and Qualifications; Rule 10 - Apprentices; Rule 16 - Waiver Requests; Rule 20 - Returning Military Veteran Licensure \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notice of Rulemaking

The Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Health Related Boards & Commissions/State Board of Dispensing Opticians hereby issue the following proposed amendments to its Rules pursuant to its authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 17-89-203.

**The Board is updating its existing rules to update the offenses that may receive a waiver in the criminal background process mandated by Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-101 *et seq.*; to update existing rules regarding licensure for military personnel per Ark. Code Ann. § 17-4-101 *et seq.*; to provide for a fee waiver mandated by Ark. Code Ann. §17-5-104; to provide for licensure of individuals with a “work permit” mandated by Ark. Code Ann. §17-1-109; to provide for the acceptance of federal apprenticeship programs pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §17-6-101 *et seq.* and to remove the phrase “good moral character” per Act 990 of 2019.**

This proposed policy is available for review at the Board of Dispensing Optician’s office, 4815 W Markham St, Little Rock, AR 72205. You may also access it on the Board’s website at <https://abdo.arkansas.gov/>. All public comments should be addressed to Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Dispensing Opticians, POST OFFICE BOX 627 HELENA, ARKANSAS 72342 and should be received no later than November 28, 2021.