STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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25 CAPITOL STREET, ROOM 234
CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-231

Rule Number: Plc 800

1. **Agency:** Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

   Agency Address: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification,
   7 Eagle Square,
   Concord, NH 03301
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 327-A:5, RSA 327-A:12, IV
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Adoption, Repeal, Readopt, Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Ophthalmic Dispensing
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

   RSA 327-A:2 requires ophthalmic dispensers to be registered to practice in New Hampshire. This profession is regulated by RSA 327-A and by the rules adopted by the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification (OPLC). The OPLC proposes a comprehensive update to Plc 800, the administrative rules governing ophthalmic dispensers and opticians. The intended action involves adopting, repealing, readopting, and readopting with amendment portions of the existing rules in order to modernize and reorganize the chapter. The proposed rules remove outdated or redundant text, update definitions, streamline and clarify licensure and renewal procedures in alignment with OPLC wide processes, and strengthen professional and ethical requirements. Overall, the update is a full cleanup and modernization of the optician licensing rules to ensure consistency, accuracy, and improved usability for registrants and administrators.

X **Does this rule implement a state statute for the first time?**

If yes, please explain:

Yes, the proposal implements the Laws of 2024, 327:114-115, and 117, effective July 1, 2024, now codified in RSA 327-A:3 and RSA 327-A:7.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

The proposed rules affect any individual who is licensed in ophthalmic dispensing or who wishes to become licensed in ophthalmic dispensing in New Hampshire.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

Rule	**State Statute(s) Implemented**
Plc 801.01 (repeal)	
Plc 801.01 – Plc 801.03	RSA 327-A:2 and RSA 327-A:13
Plc 802.01 (repeal)	
Plc 802.01(formerly Plc 802.02)	RSA 327-A:5, VI
Plc 802.03-Plc 802.07 (repeal)	
Plc 802.02 (formerly Plc 802.08)	RSA 327-A:5, VI
Plc 802.09 (repeal)	
Plc 802.03-802.07 (formerly Plc 802.10-Plc 802.17)	RSA 327-A:5, VI
Plc 802.15 (repeal)	
Plc 803.01 – Plc 803.05	RSA 310:4, II(c)
Plc 803.05 (repeal)	
Plc 803.05 (formerly Plc 803.06)	RSA 310:4, II(c)
Plc 803.07 and Plc 803.08 (repeal)	
Plc 803.06 (formerly Plc 803.10)	RSA 310:4, II(c)
Plc 803.07 (formerly Plc 803.09)	RSA 310:8, II

Plc 803.11 (repeal)	
Plc 804.01	RSA 327-A:8
Plc 804.02	RSA 327-A:2
Plc 804.03 – Plc 804.04	RSA 327-A:14
Plc 804.05	RSA 310:8
Plc 805.01- Plc 805.03	RSA 327-A:14
Plc 805.04 (repeal)	
Plc 805.04 (formerly Plc 805.05)	RSA 327-A:14
Plc 805.06 and Plc 805.07 (repeal)	
Plc 805.05- Plc 805.06 (formerly Plc 805.08 and Plc 805.09)	RSA 327-A:14
Plc 805.10 (repeal)	
Plc 805.07	RSA 327-A:14
Plc 805.11 (repeal)	
Plc 806	RSA 327-A:12, IV
Plc 807	RSA 310:9, RSA 310:10; RSA 310:11; RSA 310:12

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

   Monday, December 7, 2026

   _ **Fax**

   X **Email** OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov

   _ **Other**

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**

   Date: Monday, November 30, 2026

   Time: 2:15 PM

   Place: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification,
   7 Eagle Square,
   Concord, NH 03301

   Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

    FIS #: 26:169, dated: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

    1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

    There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to the various rules being repealed or the various new rules.

    2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

    No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

    3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

    The fee provision referenced in Plc 800 rules is applicable to Plc 1002.36, relative to application processing and licensing fees for Ophthalmic Dispensing Professionals.

    A. To State general or State special funds:

    None.

    B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

    None.

    C. To independently owned businesses:

    None.

11. **Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

    The rules do not apply to political subdivisions. The rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures and therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.