

**21 NCAC 42B .0303      FAILURE TO MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

For a first failure to comply with 21 NCAC 42B .0302 the Board may require that the optometrist complete an additional five hours of attendance at approved continuing education programs. In the calendar year following such failure to comply, the optometrist must complete a sufficient number of hours at approved continuing education programs to cure the prior year's shortfall, meet the current year's continuing education obligation, and meet any penalty imposed as a result of the prior year's shortfall. Any subsequent failure to comply with 21 NCAC 42B .0302 may subject the optometrist to disciplinary action under G.S. 90-121.2.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 90-117.5; 90-121.2; 90-123.1*  
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