

# STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

## Enabling Laws

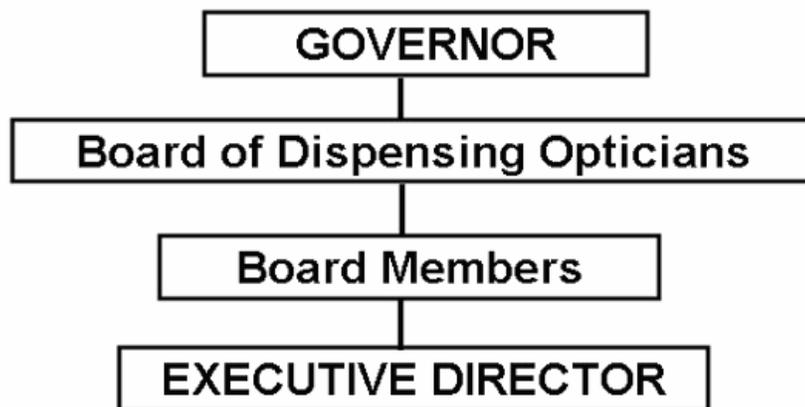
Act 231 of 2003  
A.C.A §17-89-201

## History and Organization

The Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians was created by Act 589 of 1981. The Board is composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The purpose of the Board is to protect the public from those persons who are untrained and unqualified and are in the business of dispensing materials. Ophthalmic dispensing covers the preparation of laboratory work orders, verification and dispensing of spectacle lenses, spectacles and eyeglasses to the intended wearer thereof on a written prescription from a licensed physician skilled in the disease of the eye or licensed optometrist.

The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. They investigate complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing act.

The Board has three hundred (300) licensed and registered Opticians, and one hundred twenty five (125) apprentice Opticians.



## Agency Commentary

The Board of Dispensing Opticians is responsible for the protection of the public from abuse by optical dispensers. The Board answers complaints by the public concerning certified Opticians. The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. The Board also investigates complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing Act.

The Board is requesting Base Level for the 2005-2007 biennium.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

## Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			1	100 %

## Publications

### A.C.A 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation / Program:** 2KN - Dispensing Opticians

**Funding Sources:** SDB-Dispensing Opticians Fund

The State Board of Dispensing Opticians was established by Act 589 of 1981 and consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The Board's primary mission is to protect the visual health of the citizens of Arkansas by maintaining rules, regulations, and license requirements for opticians that ensure competence, credibility and integrity within the profession. This appropriation is funded from the receipt of fees charged by the Agency, as authorized by Arkansas Code §17-89-101 et seq..

Base Level for this appropriation includes graduated salary increases of 3% to 1.5% each year over FY05 salary levels, along with related Personal Services Matching costs for one (1) Base Level position. Included in Personal Services Matching is a \$40 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match of \$320 per month.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$39,871 for FY06 & \$40,584 for FY07.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation / Program Summary

**Appropriation / Program:** 2KN Dispensing Opticians  
**Funding Sources:** SDB-Dispensing Opticians Fund

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	7,772	8,355	7,610	8,955	8,955	8,955	9,555	9,555	9,555
<b>#Positions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Extra Help 5010001	0	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
<b>#Extra Help</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Personal Services Matching 5010003	4,455	5,041	4,800	5,616	5,616	5,616	5,729	5,729	5,729
Operating Expenses 5020002	20,777	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900
Travel-Conference Fees 5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees and Services 5060010	2,970	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refund/Reimbursements 5110014	0	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,974</b>	<b>38,696</b>	<b>37,710</b>	<b>39,871</b>	<b>39,871</b>	<b>39,871</b>	<b>40,584</b>	<b>40,584</b>	<b>40,584</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>									
Fund Balance 4000005	146,766	154,140		165,444	165,444	165,444	175,573	175,573	175,573
Special Revenue 4000030	43,348	50,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>190,114</b>	<b>204,140</b>		<b>215,444</b>	<b>215,444</b>	<b>215,444</b>	<b>225,573</b>	<b>225,573</b>	<b>225,573</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(154,140)	(165,444)		(175,573)	(175,573)	(175,573)	(184,989)	(184,989)	(184,989)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>35,974</b>	<b>38,696</b>		<b>39,871</b>	<b>39,871</b>	<b>39,871</b>	<b>40,584</b>	<b>40,584</b>	<b>40,584</b>

The FY05 Budgeted amount in Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds authorized due to salary rate & matching adjustments in the 2003-2005 biennium.