

Ohio Optical Dispensers Board

- Licensed approximately 4,600 professionals in FY 2000
- FY2002 executive recommendations amount to \$280,391; and FY2003 executive recommendations amount to \$295,277

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Optical Dispensers Board (ODB) was established by law in 1979 to maintain standards in the industry by examination of applicants for licensure, the issuance of spectacle, contact lens, and oculist licenses. The board seeks to maintain industry standards by establishing licensure requirements for people entering these fields. In addition to licensing opticians, ocularists, and apprentices, the board is responsible for establishing continuing education requirements and investigations of complaints with discipline as necessary.

For the fiscal year of 2000, the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board licensed over 4600 professionals consisting of approximately 3,286 Opticians (optical dispensers), 13 Ocularists and registered 1,331 Apprentices. These numbers show only a slight increase in the total number of professionals licensed by the board two years before. In fiscal year 1998, the board licensed just over 4500 professionals, consisting of 3,137 Opticians (optical dispensers), 15 Ocularists and 1,383 Apprentices.

The annual renewal fee for FY2000 was \$65.00 for opticians and \$135 for ocularists. The apprentice registration fee was \$10.00. There has been no increase in fees since July 1995, and the board does not anticipate any need to increase fees in the near future. The board administered their examination to 352 people in FY 2000.

The Optical Dispensers Board employs three full-time employees: one executive director, one secretary, and an investigator. The Optical Dispensers Board maintains a board composed of five licensed optical dispensers, one medical doctor specializing in ophthalmology, one optometrist, and two public members.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Ohio Optical Dispensers Board, Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	1998	1999	2000	2001	Estimated	
					2002	2003
Board Members	9	9	9	9	9	9
Administrative Staff	2	2	2	2	2	2
Investigative Staff	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	12	12	12	12	12	12

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY2000
Optician	3,286
Ocularist	13
Apprentice	1,331

Current License Fees

Fees have remained the same since 1994. Besides the annual renewal fees shown below, the board also charges \$100 for the optician's examination and \$200 for the ocularist's examination.

Renewal Fees	
Optician	\$65
Ocularist	\$135
Apprentice	\$10

Sources of Revenue and Expenditures

The Ohio Optical Dispensers Board's FY 2000 revenue sources and percentage of total revenue were renewals (74%), exam fees (14%), apprentice fees (5%), penalty fees (4%), new licenses (3%), miscellaneous (0%), fines (1%). FY 2000 expenditures were divided among payroll (76%), travel (5%), exams (6%), office operations (12%), and new equipment (1%)

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

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Purpose Regulate the practice of Opticianry and Ocularisty, through examination, continuing education and license enforcement

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
4K9	894-609	Operating Expenses	\$280,391	\$295,277
Total funding: Ohio Optical Dispensers Board				

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Program Description: In accordance with Sections 4725.40 and 4725.99 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board issues licenses to optical dispensers, ocularists and register apprentices on an ongoing manner. The Board also investigates and disciplines as necessary and prosecutes the unlicensed work of opticianry or ocularisty.

Funding Source: GSF Fund 4K9 – All revenue from the 22 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and then reallocated to each board. Each board must raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Line Items: 894-609 Operating Expenses.

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: For FY 2002, the Executive recommends a 7.8% increase, amounting to \$20,209 over the FY 2001 estimate. The Executive recommended a 5.3 percent increase in FY 2003 over the FY 2002 reimbursement level. This increase translates to additional funding of \$14,886 for the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW SECTION

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

There are no permanent or temporary law provisions with fiscal effects on this agency.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

There were no unfunded requests.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund ALI ALI Title</i>	<i>Revised Estimated 2001</i>	<i>As Introduced 2002</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2002</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2001 to House 2002</i>	<i>As Introduced 2003</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2003</i>	<i>% Change House 2002 to House 2003</i>
<i>ODB Optical Dispensers Board, Ohio</i>							
4K9 894-609 Operating Expenses	\$260,182	\$ 280,391	\$ 280,391	7.8%	\$ 295,277	\$ 295,277	5.3%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$ 260,182	\$ 280,391	\$ 280,391	7.8%	\$ 295,277	\$ 295,277	5.3%
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Total All Budget Fund Groups	\$ 260,182	\$ 280,391	\$ 280,391	7.8%	\$ 295,277	\$ 295,277	5.3%

General Services Fund Group

4K9 894-609 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$231,041	\$232,510	\$257,599	\$260,182	\$280,391	\$295,277
	0.6%	10.8%	1.0%	7.8%	5.3%

Source: GSF: Revenue received by the occupational licensing boards is deposited into Fund 4K9.

Legal Basis: Originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.

Purpose: Funds are used for general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment. The appropriated amount may be increased a maximum of ten percent with Controlling Board approval.