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Dear Interested Party

The Department of Health, Health Systems Quality Assurance Division, is accepting applications to fill one committee member vacancy on the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee. The application deadline has been extended. We are accepting applications through November 9, 2019.

We seek diversity in committee members. We recognize the value variety brings in understanding and serving the people of Washington state.

Health profession boards, commissions, and committees operate under legislative mandate to:

• Protect the health and safety of the public.
• Promote the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under their authority.

The Examining Committee consists of three licensed dispensing opticians appointed by the secretary of health. The committee meets about four times a year to provide technical expertise, to advise, and to make recommendations on administering the dispensing optician statute.

Duties of the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee include:

• Providing recommendations on the apprenticeship program.
• Participating in policy development.
• Providing recommendations on continuing education or continuing competency requirements.
• Providing recommendations on standards of professional conduct or practice.

If you are interested in applying for an appointment to the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee, the secretary of health-appointed application is at: http://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/ProgramsandServices/BoardsandCommissions.aspx. Please note on the application that you are applying for the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee.

If you have any questions about serving on the committee, please contact Debra Mendoza, program manager, at 360-236-4841 or e-mail debra.mendoza@doh.wa.gov.