REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS
A dispensing optician interprets, but does not alter, the prescription of a licensed physician or optometrist and designs, adapts, fits or replaces the prescribed spectacles, eyeglasses, contact lenses or accessories.
An ocularist designs, makes and fits artificial eyes or prostheses associated with the appearance or function of the human eye.

[] Opticians and ocularists are licensed by the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board. Contact the board at (614) 466-9709. Information is also on-line at http://optical.ohio.gov.

[] Optical aids (eyeglasses, contacts, etc.) are subject to sales tax. You need a VENDOR’S LICENSE. Contact YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR or Information is also on-line at http://business.ohio.gov. If you have questions about sales tax, contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at (888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; (888) 405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line. Information is also on-line at http://www.tax.ohio.gov. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

[] Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at (614) 644-3020 for General Inquiries or (800) 329-7518 for Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at www.epa.state.oh.us. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

[] Ohio’s Optometrists; Dispensing Opticians laws can be found in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4725.40.

[] The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) can be found in your local library or on-line at http://codes.ohio.gov.

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).
www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

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THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.