

# 1<sup>st</sup> STOP CHECKLIST: OPTICIAN/OCULARIST

## 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](http://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](http://www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov)

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**THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.**