



May 14, 2025

NOTICE OF CITATION

Andrew Mahjoubi
17345 LeMay St.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Re: Case No. 420 2025 000313

Dear Mr. Mahjoubi:

You are hereby served with a Citation pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section (§) 1577. Practicing optometry without first obtaining a valid and active Optometry License constitutes violation of Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§ 3040(a), and 3110(a), and 3110(s). Advertising the practice of Optometry without a Board issued license is a violation of Business and Professions Code Sections 3040(a), 3110(a), and 3110(e).

CCR §1576 authorizes the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Optometry (Board) to issue citations containing orders of abatement and/or administrative fines pursuant to BPC §125.9 against an optometrist who has committed any acts or omissions which are in violation of the provisions of law. Where appropriate, the citation may contain an order of abatement fixing a reasonable time for abatement of the violation. The sanctions authorized under this section shall be separate from and in addition to any civil or criminal remedies.

§1577 of the California Code of Regulations authorizes the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Optometry (Board) to determine when and against whom a citation will be issued and to issue citations containing orders of abatement and fines against persons, as defined in §125.9 of the Code, who are performing or who have performed services for which a license is required under the statutes and regulations enforced by the Board of Optometry. Each citation issued for unlicensed activity shall be issued in accordance with CCR §1578. The provisions of §1578 shall apply to the issuance of citations for unlicensed activity under this section. The sanction authorized under this section shall be separate from and in addition to any other civil or criminal remedies.

Enclosed is a copy of a Citation issued by the Executive Officer of the Board, which is hereby served upon you. All orders of abatement and assessments of administrative fines are to be complied with in accordance with the time specified in the Citation.

You have a right, by law, to request either an informal conference before the Executive Officer or a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge or both, to contest the findings of a violation. A request for an informal conference must be made within 30 days of service of this Citation. A request for a formal administrative hearing must be made within 30 days of the issuance of the Citation. You may be, but do not need to be, represented by legal counsel. If you wish to be represented by legal counsel, you are advised to contact your attorney immediately so that you may be properly represented in all proceedings. The Citation will be deemed a final order 30 days after the date of issuance, unless appealed.

If you request a formal administrative hearing, your request will be referred to the Office of the Attorney General and a Deputy Attorney General will be assigned to the case. You will then be scheduled for a hearing, which may take up to six months to one year depending on the hearing calendar. The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. The Board may, by majority vote, adopt, reduce or revise the administrative law judge's proposed decision.

If you request an informal conference, a conference will be held by phone to review the acts charged in the Citation and your efforts toward full compliance. The informal conference is a more expeditious process and will be scheduled within 60 days from receipt of your request. At the conclusion of the conference, the Executive Officer may affirm, modify or dismiss the Citation, including any fine levied or order of abatement. A copy of the Executive Officer's findings and a decision will be sent to you. If a cited person wishes to contest an affirmed or modified citation, the person shall, within thirty (30) days of his or her notification, file, in writing, a request for an administrative hearing to the Executive Officer regarding the acts charged in the affirmed or modified citation.

Enclosed are the forms for your use to request an informal conference and/or a formal administrative hearing. If you do not return the enclosed form(s) within the times specified above, you waive the right to contest this Citation. If you do not appeal the Citation within the specified time, the Citation shall be deemed a final order of the Board and shall not be subject to further administrative review. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please submit all inquiries in writing.

Sincerely,

- Signature on File -

Gregory Pruden
Executive Officer

Enclosures



Name: Andrew Mahjoubi
Date Issued: May 14, 2025
Complaint #: 420 2025 000313

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Findings of Fact

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Section (§) 1577 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) authorizes the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Optometry (Board) to issue citations containing orders of abatement and/or administrative fines pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) § 125.9 for optometrists who have committed any acts or omissions which are in violation of the Optometry Practice Act or any regulation adopted thereto.

II

BPC § 3110 authorizes the Board to take action against the license of an optometrist, or against individuals who are guilty of unprofessional conduct.

III

The Board's records reflect that Andrew Mahjoubi, has not been issued nor holds a valid Optometrist License to practice optometry in California.

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During an investigation conducted by the Board, it was determined that Andrew Mahjoubi is advertised as an optometrist on www.bheyes.com, a website for Beverly Hills Eye Associates, an ophthalmology practice located at 450 North Bedford Dr. Suite 101, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. The advertisement states that:

“Dr. Andrew Mahjoubi is an optometrist who is diversely trained in treatment and management of ocular disease, glaucoma, dry eye, low vision, contact lenses (including Specialty Contact Lenses), and glasses.

Dr. Mahjoubi strives to provide quality care to our patients and welcomes patients from Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Culver City, Santa Monica, and surrounding communities.”

In addition, through an online appointment scheduler, patients have the ability to schedule optometric appointments with Andrew Mahjoubi.

Determination of Issues

Cause of Action

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Violations exist pursuant to BPC §§:

- 3040(a) – It is unlawful for a person to engage in the practice of optometry or to advertise or hold himself or herself out as an optometrist without a valid, unrevoked California optometrist license. The practice of optometry includes the performing or controlling of any acts set forth in Section 3041.
- 3110 (a) - Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter or any of the rules and regulations adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.
- 3110 (e) - The commission of fraud, misrepresentation, or any act involving dishonesty or corruption, that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an optometrist.
- 3110 (s) - The practice of optometry without a valid, unrevoked, unexpired license.

A cause for action thereby exists.

Penalty

In compliance with Business and Professions Code § 125.9 and CCR § 1579, it is determined that:

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Unless submitting a timely request for a conference or hearing, within 30 days of the issuance of this citation, you are required to pay an administrative fine in the amount of **\$1,500.00** for violation of BPC § 3040(a), **\$1,500.00** for violation of BPC § 3110(e), and **\$2,000.00** for violation of BPC § 3110(s). The total payment of **\$5,000.00** is due **June 13, 2025**.

Order of Abatement

The Board hereby orders you to cease and desist the practice of optometry, until a valid unrevoked, unexpired optometry license is obtained. Further, the Board hereby orders you to cease and desist all unlawful advertising implying, stating, or otherwise leading the public to believe that you are a duly licensed optometrist. Proof of compliance must be provided to the Board by **June 13, 2025**.