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DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
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Dear Dispensing Optician Sponsor

The purpose of apprenticeship is to provide on the job training along with related classroom training and a progressive wage schedule to entry level applicants. The Division of Apprentice Training is requiring verification of a workers status with regard to prior experience and payroll records to determine whether an applicant meets the qualifications to be an apprentice. Because the apprentice program design requires that an apprentice be mentored by a Licensed Dispensing Optician (journeyworker) on a full time basis the additional duties required of a manager would interfere with the on the job training requirement.

Therefore **effective April 1, 2010**, the Division of Apprentice Training will no longer allow managers to register as Dispensing Optician Apprentices. If we find that an apprentice who is **registered after April 1, 2010** is actually working as a manager, the sponsor's program may be suspended.

So as not to disrupt the labor management arrangements that were established prior to April 1, 2010, managers will be allowed to finish their apprenticeship provided the licensing board is in agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wallace".

David Wallace, Director  
Division of Apprentice Training

cc; Dispensing Opticians Licensing Board