

ABSTRACT

Provided is a technology enabling a lighting device including a light source board on which a light source is disposed to maintain the optical design of the lighting device even when a light guide plate is subjected to thermal expansion or when the light source board is subjected to thermal deformation due to heat generated upon emission of light from the light source, for example. A backlight unit 34 according to the present invention includes: LED boards 24; LED light sources 22 disposed on a surface of the LED boards 24; a light guide plate 28 that guides light from the LED light sources 22; and spacer members 20 that regulate the distance between the LED boards 24 and the light guide plate 28. In the backlight unit 34, the distance between the light guide plate 28 and the LED boards 24, and warping or floating of the LED boards 24 are regulated by the spacer members 20, and therefore, a constant distance can be maintained between the LED light sources 24 and the light guide plate 28.