

REGISTRATION POLICY

Recent Practice Experience Policy

Introduction

This policy applies to applicants for a certificate of registration as a Registered Optician who seek to rely on recent practice experience to meet the requirement under section 7(4)(ii) of the [Registration Regulation](#) which provides the following pathway for registration eligibility:

- ii) *[The applicant p]ractised opticianry within the three years prior to the date of the application in a manner that demonstrates to the Registration Committee or another body approved by the Registration Committee that the applicant would meet the standards of practice of the profession*

Guidelines to Submitting Recent Practice Experience for Initial Registration

In considering practice experience under section 7(4)(ii) of the Regulation, the Registration Committee will take the following factors into account:

- 1) **Amount and continuity of recent practise experience:** The number of hours of opticianry practice completed within the three years immediately preceding the date of application, and whether the applicant's practice experience was continuous, intermittent, full-time or part-time.
- 2) **Scope and relevance of practice experience:** The nature and breadth of the applicant's opticianry duties, including the variety of ophthalmic appliances (e.g. eyeglasses, contact lenses) and lenses (e.g. single vision, multifocal, soft, rigid) the applicant worked with, and the overall relevance of their duties to the required practice competencies for opticians.
- 3) **Confirmation of supervision:** Written confirmation from the applicant's supervisor(s), including full name, contact information, and their registration number with the applicable regulatory body.
- 4) **Other relevant factors:** Any additional information the Registration Committee considers relevant to assessing whether the applicant's recent practice experience demonstrates that the applicant would meet the standards of practice of the profession.

The Registration Committee will review the applicant's request and submitted materials and issue a written decision as to whether the applicant is eligible to apply for registration under section 7(4)(ii), or directing the applicant to complete additional education, a refresher program, or professional competency assessment.