

Proposed Updates to the Code of Ethics – Feedback Requested

The College is seeking your feedback on proposed updates to the Code of Ethics.

The Code of Ethics sets out the ethical guidelines for registrants, and together with the Standards of Practice, is one of the primary documents that establishes the guidelines for maintaining the integrity of the profession.

All registrants are required under the Standards of Practice to engage in ethical behaviour and in a manner that is consistent with the Code of Ethics. Accordingly, a violation of the Code of Ethics could be considered a breach of the Standards of Practice and result in disciplinary action.

The current Code of Ethics was approved in 2002 and has not been reviewed since 2004. Updates are now being proposed by the Patient Relations Committee of the College, with the goal of:

- Making the document more clear and understandable
- Reflecting changes to the profession since the Code was last reviewed in 2004, including updates to the [Standards of Practice](#) and the introduction of the [Patient Bill of Rights](#)
- Ensuring that the Code of Ethics reflects the expectation that opticians will treat all patients with respect and dignity, regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, financial position or ability to pay (and other criteria).

Click [here](#) to view the *current* Code of Ethics.

Click [here](#) to view the *new proposed* Code of Ethics.

Please complete this short [survey](#) to share your feedback. The survey will be open until **July 28, 2021**.