

Standards of Practice and Practice Guidelines – Request for Feedback

The College is seeking your input on the Standards of Practice and Practice Guidelines. In particular, whether:

- the standards and guidelines are clear.
- there are areas where opticians could use more guidance.
- the standards reflect the current practice environment.

Your feedback will be provided to the College's Clinical Practice Committee and will help inform any changes required to update the current Standards of Practice and Guidelines document.

The College recognizes the time commitment required to read the Standards and complete the survey, and as such, opticians who complete the survey will be issued a completion certificate for 1.5 PG hours of continuing education.

Please note, information provided on completion of the survey will not be used in any way other than to confirm participation and send your CE certificate and will not be shared.

Background

The College is legally required to develop, establish, and maintain programs and standards of practice to assure the quality practice of the profession of opticianry. The Board of Directors of the College of Opticians reviews the Standards of Practice and Practice Guidelines every five years or more frequently as required.

Opticians are required to meet the Standards of Practice and ensure that the patient/client's best interests are met. Failure to meet the standards could result in a finding of professional misconduct.

You can review The Standards of Practice and Practice Guidelines [here](#).

Please complete this [survey](#) to share your feedback. The survey will be open until **May 21, 2024**.

The Standards of Practice

The Standards of Practice are not a step-by-step guide to how to practice opticianry; they set out the expectation for every optician. A core expectation is that opticians use their professional judgment to make appropriate decisions in achieving these expectations. The Standards:

- Set the expectations for how opticians will conduct themselves in their practice
- Provide the College with a benchmark against which it can measure opticians' conduct while investigating complaints, peer assessments and quality assurance reviews
- Provide the public with a clear understanding of the quality of care they should receive from an optician
- Are mandatory requirements

Practice Guidelines

Guidelines describe best practices for opticians and explain and interpret standards of practice and other responsibilities of opticians. They are a resource to help opticians understand how to make safe and ethical practice decisions.

Thank you for taking the time to provide valuable input.