

Establishing fees for Remote Peer and Practice Assessments – Request for Feedback

The College is seeking your feedback on a new proposed lower fee for Peer and Practice Assessments (PPAs) that are carried out remotely.

A <u>Peer and Practice Assessment</u> (PPA) is a component of the Quality Assurance Program. It is an educational tool used to assess ongoing practice competence. PPAs are designed to promote professional development and encourage opticians to maintain high practice standards.

In some cases, registrants are required to pay a fee to cover the cost of administering the PPA. The fee applies to registrants who are ordered to undergo a PPA by the Quality Assurance Committee because of non-compliance with the Quality Assurance program, or by another committee of the College, or the Registrar. The fee does not apply to registrants randomly selected to undergo a PPA.

The College has been conducting Peer and Practice Assessments (PPA) remotely since 2020, resulting in lower costs to administer an assessment. Accordingly, the College is proposing to lower the fee for remote PPAs from \$850 to \$450 (+HST).

There are two steps to the PPA; not all registrants may be required to participate in both steps, the proposed fee has been broken for each step as follows:

Assessment Step	Proposed Fee
Step 1: Practice Profile & Chart Review	\$225.00 (+HST)
Step 2: Professional Practice Interview	\$225.00 (+HST)

The fee of \$850.00 (+HST) will continue to apply to registrants who are ordered to undergo an in-person PPA.

Please complete this short survey to share your feedback. The survey will be open until August 19, 2024.