

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Council

FROM: Executive Committee

DATE: December 2 and 3, 2019

SUBJECT: 5.4 Professional Misconduct Regulation Committee

☒ For Decision ☐ For Information ☐ Monitoring Report

Purpose:

To consider whether the College of Opticians should consider eliminating the Professional Misconduct Regulation Committee.

Background:

The Professional Misconduct ad-hoc committee was struck to address amendments the College has proposed to the Professional Misconduct Regulation. However, the current terms of reference of the ICRC indicate that as part of their mandate, they would be responsible for “Recommend[ing] to Council proposals for changes to the legislation, including regulations to applicable statutes...to support the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports process.”¹

For Consideration:

The majority of the substantive work on amending the Professional Misconduct Regulation is now complete, and it is unlikely that significant additional committee work will be required. In addition, and since ICRC is charged with carrying out the Professional Misconduct Regulation and is most familiar with the misconduct concerns that arise, the Executive may wish to reassign review of the Professional Misconduct Regulation to the ICRC. This would be consistent with other instances where regulation amendments have been proposed and assigned to the relevant committee instead of an ad-hoc (I.e. The Registration Regulation to the Registration Committee).

Recommendation:

Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the elimination of the Professional Misconduct Regulation Ad-Hoc Committee and reassign review of the Professional Misconduct Regulation to the ICRC.

¹ See [ICRC Terms of Reference](#)