

**“FORM B”**

**Clause-By-Clause Comparison Chart**

<b>Existing Clause (if applicable)</b>	<b>Proposed New Clause</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<p><b>1.</b> The following are prescribed as classes of certificates of registration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Registered opticians.</li><li>2. Registered student opticians.</li><li>3. Registered intern opticians.</li></ol>	<p><b>1.</b> The following are prescribed as classes of certificates of registration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Registered opticians.</li><li>2. Registered student opticians.</li><li>3. Registered intern opticians.</li><li>4. Emergency opticians.</li></ol>	<p>An emergency class is added. It comes into effect when the Board determines that there is an emergency situation that puts at risk the accessibility of opticianry services.</p>
<p><b>2 (1.1)</b> An applicant for the issue of a certificate of registration as a registered optician must submit evidence of professional liability insurance, unless the applicant is exempt under subsection 8 (3).</p>	<p><b>2 (1.1)</b> An applicant for the issue of a certificate of registration as a registered optician or as an emergency optician must submit evidence of professional liability insurance, unless the applicant is exempt under subsection 8 (3).</p>	<p>Opticians in the emergency class will be required to demonstrate that they are covered by professional liability insurance.</p>
<p><b>4 (2) 2.</b> The member shall prominently display his or her certificate of registration, affixed with the current College renewal validation decal, at the principal location where he or she practises opticianry or, in the case of a registered student optician or a registered intern optician, shall carry on his or her person at all times when engaged in the practice of opticianry, his or her registration card supplied by the Registrar.</p>	<p><b>4 (2) 2.</b> The member shall prominently display his or her certificate of registration, affixed with the current College renewal validation decal, at the principal location where he or she practises opticianry or, in the case of a registered student optician, a registered intern optician, or emergency optician, shall carry on his or her person at all times when engaged in the practice of opticianry, his or her registration card supplied by the Registrar.</p>	<p>Opticians in the emergency class will be required to carry a registration card supplied by the Registrar at all times while engaged in practice.</p>

N/A	<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS AN EMERGENCY OPTICIAN</p> <p>7.1 (1) The Council may declare that emergency circumstances exist that make it in the public interest to issue certificates of registration in the emergency class under any of the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Minister has requested the College to initiate registrations under this class based on the Minister's opinion that emergency circumstances call for it.</li> <li>2. Any other emergency circumstances that lead the Council to form an opinion that it is in the public interest to issue emergency class certificates of registration.</li> </ol>	<p>This provision establishes that emergency class certificates may be issued in the following emergency circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where the Minister has requested that the college initiate registrations in the emergency class; or</li> <li>2. Where council is of the view that emergency circumstances warrant issuing certificates in the class.</li> </ol>
N/A	<p>(2) The following are non-exemptible registration requirements for a certificate of registration as an emergency optician:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant must have previously held a certificate of registration as a registered optician that was suspended by the Registrar under subsection 11(2).</li> <li>2. The applicant must satisfy the Registrar that he or she has practised as a registered optician within the previous six years in a manner that demonstrates that the member would meet the standards of practice in Ontario.</li> </ol>	<p>This provision establishes the non-exemptible requirements for holding a certificate of registration as an emergency optician.</p> <p>To be eligible for a certificate of registration in the emergency class, the applicant must be a former member of the college whose Registered Optician certificate of registration was suspended administratively (i.e. for failure to renew, failure to pay a fee, or failure to meet renewal requirements).</p> <p>Typically, former members who have been administratively suspended for three or more years must go before the Registration Committee for an assessment of their competency to return to practice. Under this provision, however, applicants for a certificate in the emergency class will instead be required to satisfy the Registrar that they practised as an optician within the previous six years in a</p>

		<p>manner that demonstrates that they will meet the standards of practice.</p> <p>A policy will be enacted that sets out the criteria for demonstrating satisfactory practice standards (e.g. minimum number of practice hours).</p>
	(3) No member other than a member who holds a certificate of registration as an emergency optician may use the title “Registered Emergency Optician” or the abbreviation “RO (emergency class)”.	This provision establishes that only opticians registered in this class may refer to themselves as “Registered Emergency Opticians” or the corresponding abbreviation.
N/A	(4) It shall be a condition of a certificate of registration as an emergency optician that the member shall practice the profession only within the scope of his or her skills, knowledge and judgement.	Registrants in the emergency class will be resuming practice after a potentially lengthy absence of up to six years and will not be required to undergo any competency gap analysis prior to being issued an emergency certificate. Accordingly, the purpose of this provision is to ensure that registrants in the emergency class will not practice outside of their area of skill, knowledge and judgement.
N/A	(5) Subject to para (6), a certificate of registration as an emergency optician expires on December 31 of the year in which the certificate is issued.	<p>Certificates of registration in this class will expire automatically on December 31 of each calendar year. This provision is therefore consistent with the regulatory requirement that certificates in the emergency class expire no more than one year after they are issued.</p> <p>The December 31 expiry date aligns with the renewal deadline for Registered Optician certificates, which is necessary for internal administrative processing purposes.</p>
N/A	(6) The Registrar may renew an emergency certificate of registration on or before December 31 unless the Council of the College has determined that emergency circumstances	Opticians in the emergency class will be eligible to apply to renew their certificate of registration so long as the emergency circumstances remain in place.

	no longer exist to warrant the issuance of certificates of registration in the emergency class.	The December 31 renewal deadline aligns with the renewal deadline for Registered Optician certificates, which is necessary for internal administrative processing purposes.
N/A	<p>(7) A member who holds or held a certificate of registration as an emergency optician within the previous six months may be issued a certificate of registration as a registered optician if the member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. applies to the Registrar and satisfies all requirements for reinstatement under subsection 12(1), other than the requirement under subsection 12(1)(d).</li> <li>2. provides evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that the member has practised opticianry as an emergency optician in a manner that demonstrates that the member meets the standards of practice in Ontario.</li> </ol>	<p>Current Emergency Optician certificate holders, and those that were registered in this class within the previous six months will be eligible to apply for registration in the Registered Optician class.</p> <p>Applicants will be exempt from the following requirements that would ordinarily apply to applicants for reinstatement of a certificate as a Registered Optician:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requirement under subsection 12(1)(d) to submit evidence of having completed the requirements of the Quality Assurance Program.</li> <li>2. The requirement under subsection 12(5) that applications for reinstatement made more than three years from the date of suspension must be referred to the Registration Committee to evaluate the applicant's qualifications and determine whether the applicant must meet any examination and Quality Assurance Program requirements in order to be reinstated.</li> </ol> <p>Instead, applicants will be required to demonstrate to the Registrar that they practised as an optician while holding an Emergency certificate. A policy will be enacted that sets out the criteria for demonstrating satisfactory practice standards (e.g. minimum number of practice hours).</p>
<b>8. (1)</b> All registered opticians shall have professional liability insurance containing coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.	<b>8. (1)</b> All registered opticians and emergency opticians shall have professional liability insurance containing coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.	This provision establishes the amount of professional liability insurance that emergency opticians will be required to hold and maintain.

<p>(2) It shall be a requirement for the issue, renewal or reinstatement of a certificate of registration of a registered optician, that the applicant provide documentary evidence, at the time the application form supplied by the Registrar is submitted, of,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) current membership in a professional association that provides protection against professional liability; or</li> <li>(b) professional liability insurance obtained from some other source, containing coverage of not less than the limit set out in subsection (1).</li> </ul>	<p>(2) It shall be a requirement for the issue, renewal or reinstatement of a certificate of registration of a registered optician or an emergency optician, that the applicant provide documentary evidence, at the time the application form supplied by the Registrar is submitted, of,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) current membership in a professional association that provides protection against professional liability; or</li> <li>(b) professional liability insurance obtained from some other source, containing coverage of not less than the limit set out in subsection (1).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. (1)</b> A certificate of registration shall be renewed on or before,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) December 31 of each year in the case of registered opticians; and</li> <li>(b) September 1 of each year in the case of registered student opticians and registered intern opticians.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The Registrar shall supply and send by mail to each member, at the member's last address as shown on the register, an application for renewal of the certificate of registration in a form to be supplied by the Registrar, on or before,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) October 31 of each year in the case of registered opticians; and</li> <li>(b) July 1 of each year in the case of registered student opticians and registered intern opticians.</li> </ul> <p>(3) A member may apply for the renewal of a certificate of registration by returning to the Registrar,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a completed application;</li> </ul>	<p><b>9. (1)</b> A certificate of registration shall be renewed on or before,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) December 31 of each year in the case of registered opticians and emergency opticians, where such renewal is permitted under subsection 7.1(5); and</li> <li>(b) September 1 of each year in the case of registered student opticians and registered intern opticians.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The Registrar shall supply and send by mail to each member, at the member's last address as shown on the register, an application for renewal of the certificate of registration in a form to be supplied by the Registrar, on or before,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) October 31 of each year in the case of registered opticians and emergency opticians, where such renewal is permitted under subsection 7.1(5); and</li> <li>(b) July 1 of each year in the case of registered student opticians and registered intern opticians.</li> </ul> <p>(3) A member may apply for the renewal of a certificate of registration by returning to the Registrar,</p>	<p>This provision establishes the timing and process for renewing a certificate of registration in the emergency class.</p> <p>Renewal of an emergency certificate is permitted while the emergency circumstances persist. In the event that council declares that the emergency circumstances no longer exist, renewals of emergency certificates will no longer be permitted and certificates will expire on December 31 of the year in which they were issued.</p>

(b) the required annual fee; and (c) in the case of a registered optician evidence of insurance.	(a) a completed application; (b) the required annual fee; and (c) in the case of a registered optician or emergency optician, where such renewal is permitted under subsection 7.1(5), evidence of insurance.	
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