

**Proposed By-Law Amendments**

<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<p><b>ARTICLE 1: INTERPRETATION</b></p> <p><b>1.1 Definitions</b></p> <p><u>"Emergency Optician" means a Registrant who holds a certificate of registration in the emergency class under O. Reg. 869/93 under the <i>Opticianry Act</i>.</u></p> <p><u>"Inactive Optician" means a Registrant who holds a certificate of registration in the inactive class under O. Reg. 869/93 under the <i>Opticianry Act</i>.</u></p> <p><u>"Registered Optician" means a Registrant who holds a certificate of registration in the registered optician class under O. Reg. 869/93 under the <i>Opticianry Act</i>.</u></p>	<p>These additional definitions are being added for terms that will be referred to in the by-laws.</p>
<p><b>5.1 Initial Registration Application Fees</b></p> <p>(a) A person who submits an application for a certificate of registration shall pay an application fee as follows:</p> <p>Registered Optician:       \$150</p> <p>Registered Intern Optician: \$65</p> <p><u>Emergency Optician:       \$65</u></p> <p><del>Registered Student Optician: \$65</del></p>	<p>An application fee is added for the Emergency Class. The fee represents reasonable cost-recovery for processing the application.</p> <p>The application fee for the Registered Student Class is eliminated, as the class will no longer exist.</p>

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<p><b>5.2 <u>Annual Renewal and</u> Registration Fees</b></p> <p><b>(a) <u>Annual Renewal Deadline</u></b></p> <p><u>On or before January 15 each year, every eligible Registered Optician, Inactive Optician and Emergency Optician shall:</u></p> <p><u>i. Complete and submit to the Registrar an annual registration renewal form in the manner set out by the Registrar. This shall include the requirement to submit a photo at least once every five years in the form and manner set out by the Registrar; and</u></p> <p><u>ii. pay the annual registration fee.</u></p>	<p>It is necessary to include the annual renewal deadline in by-law as this has been removed from the Registration Regulation.</p> <p>Under the current regulation, the deadline for annual renewal is December 31. It is proposed that the deadline be extended to January 15 to account for office holiday closures and to provide registrants with additional time to obtain the necessary documents to support their renewal, including proof of professional liability insurance.</p>																																			
<p>(b) <u>At least sixty days before the annual renewal deadline, the Registrar shall send to each eligible Registered Optician, Inactive Optician and Emergency Optician an application for renewal of their certificate of registration.</u></p>	<p>It is necessary to include the timeframe for opening the renewal period in by-law as this has been removed from the Registration Regulation.</p>																																			
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**(db) Pro-rated Registration Fees**

- (i) For individuals who have never been registered with the College, the initial annual registration fee for the Registered Optician class is pro-rated as follows:
  - a. For applications submitted in the period January 1 to March 31: 100% of the posted registration fee.
  - b. For applications submitted in the period April 1 to June 30: 75% of the posted registration fee.
  - c. For applications submitted in the period July 1 to September 31: 50% of the posted registration fee.
  - d. For applications submitted in the period October 1 to December 31: 25% of the posted fee.
  
- (ii) Individuals who are registered in the Inactive Class or the Emergency Class and have paid the annual registration fee for the Inactive Class or the Emergency Class, and who request to change their status to the Registered Optician class, will be charged the following pro-rated Registered Optician fee:
  - a. For requests submitted in the period January 1 to March 31: 67% of the posted Registered Optician fee.
  - b. For requests submitted in the period April 1 to June 30: 50% of the posted Registered Optician fee.
  - c. For requests submitted in the period July 1 to September 31: 33% of the posted Registered Optician fee.
  - d. For requests submitted in the period October 1 to December 31: 17% of the Registered Optician fee.

The proposed changes address a typographical error and provide a pro-rated fee structure for Emergency Class opticians who seek registration in the Registered Optician class.

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<p>(ee) <b>Penalties</b></p> <p><u>A Registrant who fails to apply to renew their certificate of registration, pay the annual fee, or complete all of the requirements on the annual registration renewal form prior to or before the deadline for renewal set out in these by-laws shall pay a late fee for late renewal in addition to the annual fee, as follows:</u><del>The penalties for late payment of annual registration fees are as follows</del></p> <table data-bbox="296 548 968 816"> <tr> <td>Registered Optician:</td> <td>\$125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registered Intern Optician:</td> <td>\$ 50</td> </tr> <tr> <td><del>Registered Student Optician:</del></td> <td><del>\$ 50</del></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Inactive Optician:</u></td> <td><u>\$ 50</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Emergency Optician:</u></td> <td><u>\$ 50</u></td> </tr> </table>	Registered Optician:	\$125	Registered Intern Optician:	\$ 50	<del>Registered Student Optician:</del>	<del>\$ 50</del>	<u>Inactive Optician:</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>Emergency Optician:</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>	<p>Additional language has been added to clarify when penalties are payable by registrants who fail to renew by the deadline. Late fees are also added for Inactive and Emergency opticians.</p> <p>The late fee for Registered Student Opticians is eliminated.</p>
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<b>SCHEDULE A TO BY-LAW, ARTICLE 5: FEES FOR SERVICES</b>											
<p><u>16. For copying documents from a Registrant's or applicant's file, a flat fee of \$25 will be charged for copying up to 25 pages, and \$1.00 per page thereafter..... \$ 25.00</u></p>	<p>A fee is being added to Schedule A to apply to requests made by registrants or applicants for copying documents from their file. This fee will offset the administrative costs of responding to the request including, where necessary, recalling boxes from off-site storage.</p>										