

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Derick Summers, Chair, Registration Committee

DATE: September 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Currency of Practice Policy
Appendix A: Currency of Practice Policy (current & marked with changes)
Appendix B: Currency of Practice Policy (clean and proposed updated version)
Appendix C: Currency Survey Results

☒ For Decision

☐ For Information

☐ Monitoring Report

Purpose:

To consider approval of proposed updates to the Currency of Practice Policy, following a review by the Registration Committee.

Background:

The Currency Policy was first approved on June 5, 2023, and was last revised on September 4, 2024.

Amendments to the [Registration Regulation](#) in 2024 established a new condition for a Registered Optician (RO) to maintain their registration in section 8(1):

“By the end of the third year following issuance of a certificate of registration and in every subsequent year, the member shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that the member has practiced opticianry in the previous three years in a manner that demonstrates that the member meets the standards of practice in Ontario.”

The policy requires those holding a certificate as a Registered Optician to demonstrate that they have engaged in at least 500 practice hours over a rolling three-year cycle, and defines which professional activities will qualify as practice hours. The policy goes on to outline how currency will be monitored.

The Currency of Practice Policy was initially developed in 2023 following an environmental scan of Ontario health regulators and a review of relevant research literature. Together, these sources informed the Registration Committee’s decision to require 500 practice hours over a rolling three-year period. Subsequent consultations with registrants and other stakeholders focused on identifying the types of professional activities that would qualify as practice hours for this purpose. The Committee drew a distinction between activities that supported ongoing maintenance of core clinical

skills, and those that were primarily related to business, HR, marketing, administration or other tasks that fell outside of the core practice competencies for opticians.

Minor amendments were made to the policy on September 4, 2024, to remove references to a prior version of Registration Regulation. No substantive changes were made to the policy elements at that time.

Registered Opticians are now in their second year of reporting currency requirements. At the end of 2027, ROs who have reported under 500 practice hours will be required to take steps to maintain their registration status, such as completing a Refresher Program. Before reaching that juncture, the Committee wished to check in with registrants and other stakeholders to determine whether any changes should be made to the policy, including whether any additional activities should be included as practice hours going forward.

For Consideration:

A Brief Overview of the Stakeholder Feedback & the Proposed Changes to the Currency of Practice Policy

In order to determine what changes should be proposed for the Currency of Practice Policy, a survey was sent via SurveyMonkey to registrants for feedback on the policy and if any additional activities needed to be added to the approved list of activities as counting towards meeting currency. Survey responses were reviewed and grouped for commonalities.

Key observations from the stakeholder feedback:

- Several professional activities were put forward for consideration for inclusion as practice hours under the policy, two of which were identified as having arguable relevance to opticianry-related competencies
- Registrants may benefit from additional guidance about what professional activities already qualify under the policy.

Based on stakeholder feedback, the following changes are proposed by the Registration Committee:

- To add two new activity categories to the list of approved professional activities to reflect the changing nature of an optician's practice.
- To add clarifying language as to how long a registrant needs to retain supporting documents of their practice hours for auditing purposes.
- To clarify the time period as to when the Refresher Program needs to be completed to qualify toward the currency requirement.
- To add language around next steps if a registrant fails to meet currency by the specified deadline.

The Current of Practice Policy with visible tracked changes is attached as Appendix A and the proposed clean version of the policy is attached as Appendix B so that the Board can view what edits are being proposed. The full survey with responses is attached as Appendix C.

Administration of the Stakeholder Survey

A stakeholder survey on the Currency of Practice Policy was conducted via SurveyMonkey. It was released to registrants on May 4, 2026, and closed at 11:59pm on May 25, 2026. An email blast was sent to all registrants on May 4, 2026, inviting them to share their perspective on whether the policy is inclusive and captures the right professional practice activities. If the registrant had an activity to recommend be included in the policy, the survey asked for the following information:

- What activity should be considered? Be as specific as possible.
- How will the activity support ongoing competence? For example, how does the activity help opticians maintain or improve their knowledge and skills?

Information about this stakeholder consultation was also posted on the College's Consultation and Feedback webpage and on social media.

A total of 99 registrants completed the survey. 93 of the respondents were Registered Opticians and 6 were Inactive Opticians. No Intern Opticians completed the survey. The majority of respondents (36) have been registered with the College for over 20 years. The next largest group of respondents (20) have been registered with the College between 1 – 5 years. The smallest group of respondents (11) were those who have been registered with the College between 16 – 20 years. The majority of respondents (62) worked in opticianry full-time, and the smallest group of respondents (16) worked 5 hours or less. The majority of respondents (68) are not concerned about meeting the currency requirement. 21 respondents were concerned about whether they will be able to meet currency.

Based on survey responses, two new activity categories and clarifying language are being proposed for inclusion in the policy.

Proposed New Activity Category: Collaborative Patient Care

The first proposed new activity category is *Collaborative Patient Care*. This category would encompass opticians working with an optometrist and/or ophthalmologist collaboratively to provide patient education and/or care. Activities under this category would only count where it is within the scope of practice of the Registered Optician or under the delegation or assignment of an optometrist or ophthalmologist. The wording of this proposed new activity category:

"Collaborative Patient Care: Directly counselling patients on opticianry-related topics, such as lenses, visual acuity and visual comfort. This may include counselling that takes place in the context of optometry care and/or surgical procedures such as LASIK or cataract surgery, and includes post-operative care."

Activities suggested by survey respondents that led to this proposed activity category:

- assisting and/or consulting in cataract surgery
- consulting with patients for LASIK/SMILE/PRK

Survey respondents noted that these activities assisted in maintaining or improving their practice by using their opticianry knowledge to recommend the appropriate lens or troubleshooting visual comfort pre and post operation.

It is proposed that this new activity category be added to the list of approved activities in the Currency of Practice Policy to reflect an optician's evolving role in providing patient care with other health professionals.

Proposed New Activity Category: Developing and/or Presenting Optical/Optomety Training Resources

Another proposed new activity category is *Developing and/or Presenting Optical/Optomety Training Resources*. This category would not cover duties related to office administration, HR, or sales but would focus on sharing or developing training materials for opticians. The purpose of this category is to differentiate what a corporate trainer does versus what a sales representative does. The wording of this proposed new category:

“Developing and/or presenting Optical/Optomety training resources: The training or presenting activity must have, as its primary purpose, the advancement of professional competency and knowledge in the practice of opticianry. The activity must not be primarily for the purpose of endorsing, marketing or selling a particular product, brand or service provider.”

Survey feedback indicated that the development and presentation of training resources helped the continued learning of opticians in their knowledge to better facilitate troubleshooting and meeting patient needs. Training topics may include contact lens insertion and removal, lens fitting and selection, and troubleshooting options.

It is proposed that this new activity be added to the list of approved activities in the Currency of Practice Policy to recognize and facilitate the continued education of opticians to allow for safe and competent patient care.

Activities Suggested in the Survey that Already Qualify Under the Policy

A number of activities that were suggested by registrants in the survey were identified as already qualifying under the Currency of Practice Policy:

- **Volunteer hours:** Several registrants identified the need to include hours gained while providing services on a volunteer basis. As currently drafted, the policy does not distinguish between services that are compensated and those provided on a volunteer basis. Accordingly, so long as an activity otherwise qualified (e.g. dispensing eyeglasses), it counts for the purposes of currency whether it was carried out as part of the optician's paid work or on a volunteer basis.
- **Other activities:** Additional activities were suggested in the survey that have been identified as already qualifying as practice hours under the current policy.

The College will continue to provide resources and update its FAQs to support registrants in understanding the practice hour categories.

Suggested Activities that are Outside the Scope of Opticianry

Two survey respondents proposed activities that appear to fall outside the scope of opticianry practice, as they are more administrative and/or management in nature. During the initial development of the policy, the Committee wanted to draw a distinction between clinical and business/administrative competencies, with the former qualifying for currency and the latter not. The Committee was of the view that while the business competencies are valuable in their own right, they fell outside the core competencies of opticianry practice. It is therefore proposed that these activities remain excluded from the practice hour categories.

Additional Feedback

21 survey respondents provided additional feedback in the survey. Several key themes emerged in these comments.

- 1) Theme: Support of Currency Policy.
Feedback noted that the currency requirement was fair and that the approved activities captures the skills that an optician deploys. A comment also noted that the 500 hours requirement was easy to achieve as continued education courses, record keeping, and other dispensing skills were activities that counted towards currency.
- 2) Theme: Currency replicates the Quality Assurance requirement & 500 currency hours is too much.
Feedback noted that it would be difficult to achieve 500 hours if the optician is on a leave (personal or medical) or working part-time. Other comments noted that Quality Assurance is already required of opticians so the currency requirement felt like an additional burden.
- 3) Theme: Support for the Currency Policy & how it can be enforced.
Respondents noted that the policy requires better enforcement, and that the counting of hours on certain activities be adjusted to account for more. There was also feedback recommending that cleaning and disinfecting eyewear should not be counted towards currency.
- 4) Theme: Comments unrelated to the Currency Policy
Some respondents submitted comments that were unrelated to the policy. There were three comments of this nature in total, and each comment addressed a different topic: Quality Assurance, registration dues, and unauthorized practice.

Consideration was taken by the Committee for survey responses that found the currency requirement unnecessary as Quality Assurance is already in place. It should be noted that some activities that qualify for Quality Assurance do count towards currency. However, a number of approved activities for currency deploy the use of that opticianry knowledge in practice. The actual activity of practising opticianry is the focus of the currency requirement to ensure that opticians have the continued skills to practice safely and competently.

The Committee reiterates that the required 500 practice hours for currency is not a separate category of hours that a Registered Optician needs to fulfill. An optician's regular dispensing hours and some activities that currently qualify for Quality Assurance can also be counted towards currency.

When setting the number of hours at 500 over a three-year period to meet currency, consideration was taken at the time to account for personal leaves of absence and for those working part-time to balance equity and continued public protection.

Public Interest Considerations:

The Registration Committee propose several changes for the Board's consideration: the addition of two new activity categories in the approved practice hours and clarification as to how currency is being monitored. The two new activity categories – *Collaborative Patient Care* and *Developing and/or presenting Optical/Optomety training resources* – were included after stakeholder feedback about the evolving practice environment. It is important for the professional activities in this policy to be regularly reviewed to determine whether they utilize an optician's clinical skills or if the activity is non-clinical (e.g. business/management).

The proposed language changes clarify how currency will be monitored, the time frame that the Refresher Program needs to be completed if a registrant does not have enough hours to meet currency, and referral to the Quality Assurance Committee if currency is not met, will allow for transparency and fairness. The proposed changes will allow registrants to have a clearer idea of the deadline to meet currency in order to continue practicing. In turn, the proposed changes will also allow the public to see what steps are taken if a registrant fails to meet currency.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Considerations:

The Registration Committee reviewed and considered the concerns that were raised by survey respondents around the number of currency hours, and a comment that that the number of hours required may unfairly penalize registrants on leaves of absence, including maternity/parental leaves.

Extensive research and consultation informed the Committee's original decision to set the currency requirement at 500 hours over three years. The Committee considered the implications for registrants who may be on personal leaves during that three-year period and concluded that 500 hours struck the appropriate balance between ensuring the maintenance of opticianry knowledge and skill while still taking into consideration the various life situations of registrants. Importantly, the Committee noted that the majority of opticians would be able to reach the minimum requirement in 6 months or less of full-time practice. Moreover, registrants who fall short of the currency requirements will have the option of completing the Refresher Program to maintain currency. Every level of the Refresher Program was designed to be accessible. It can be completed on the candidate's own schedule and pace and all levels of the program are offered virtually.

No other concerns from a DEI perspective were identified by stakeholders during the current consultation.

Risk Management Considerations:

The Registration Committee considered that the proposed changes to the policy aim to capture additional areas of practice that are contributing to opticians' ongoing competency. This will strengthen the College's regulatory defensibility by better aligning the policy with the evolving practice environment, and by reducing the risk that the policy will be perceived as outdated or failing to account for practice realities.

In addition, proposed clarifications to the sections about reporting and monitoring currency hours are aimed at reducing the risk of confusion and supporting ongoing compliance.

Action Required:

That the Board approve the proposed updates to the Currency of Practice Policy or request a further review.



REGISTRATION POLICY

Currency of Practice Policy

Introduction

Practising opticians are required to ensure that their knowledge and skills remain up to date, or current. This policy describes the minimum requirements for currency of practice experience for opticians who hold a certificate of registration as a Registered Optician.

Policy

Definition of Currency

In order to hold a certificate of registration as a Registered Optician, opticians are required to demonstrate that they are **current**.¹

“Currency” means a certain amount of recent practice experience hours that establishes that the optician’s knowledge and skills are up to date. Currency is a way to assess whether the optician will practice safely, competently and ethically on an ongoing basis.

Currency requirements for Registered Opticians

To be considered current, a Registered Optician must have engaged in at least 500 practice hours within the previous 3-year period.

The following activities will count as “practice hours” for the purposes of this policy:

1. Dispensing of eyeglasses, contact lenses and subnormal vision devices, and related duties (e.g. record keeping, laboratory work, cleaning repairs and disinfecting eyewear adjustments, optical appliances, tools or equipment).
2. Teaching opticianry at an accredited opticianry program in Canada.
3. Supervising student and/or intern opticians in accordance with the Student/Intern Supervision Policy and/or the Contact Lens Mentor Policy.
4. Directly supervising, managing or assuring the quality of services of opticianry staff engaged in dispensing.
5. Completing advanced learning courses (including certificate programs) in opticianry or optical sciences at an educational institution accredited by the College (see [website](#) for a list of institutions).

¹ See section 8(1)

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6. Completing continuing education activities accredited by the College.
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8. Completing up to a maximum of 4 hours of self-directed continuing education activities annually.
9. Collaborative Patient Care: Directly counselling patients on opticianry-related topics, such as lenses, visual acuity and visual comfort. This may include counselling that takes place in the context of optometry care and/or surgical procedures such as LASIK or cataract surgery and includes post-operative care.
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3. Supervision of staff who are not providing opticianry services or engaging in dispensing (e.g. supervision of IT staff or reception staff).

How currency is monitored

Registered ~~opticians~~**Opticians** must declare at annual renewal the number of practice hours that they engaged in during the previous calendar year. To be considered current, the total number of practice hours reported over any three-year period must be at least 500.

Registrants are responsible for accurately declaring their practice hours at annual renewal, and must maintain records to support their declaration (e.g. time sheets, schedules, etc.) for a period of 6 years. The College reserves the right to audit a registrant's currency or request supporting information at any time, and registrants must provide such information or documentation upon request.

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Opticians who cannot demonstrate currency

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1. **Complete a refresher program **Refresher Program** approved by the Registration Committee.**

The ~~refresher program will need to~~ **Refresher Program must** be completed ~~within 6~~ **in the 12** months ~~from the date immediately preceding the registrant is notified by the College that they do not meet the currency requirements. Registrants who do not complete the refresher program by the renewal deadline may be referred to the Quality Assurance Committee for the relevant renewal year.~~

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2. **Change their registration status to Inactive.** Opticians in the Inactive ~~Class~~ **class** are not entitled to practise opticianry or use the title Registered Optician. Inactive opticians may be re-issued a certificate as a Registered Optician if they meet the requirements set out in the Reinstatement and Changing from Inactive to Active Practice Policy.

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3. **Resign their registration with the College.** Opticians who resign their registration will no longer be permitted to practise opticianry or use the title Registered Optician. In order to return to practice following resignation, they would be required to re-apply to the College as a new applicant and meet the registration requirements in place at the time of their re-application. For more information see the Retiring or Resigning Policy.

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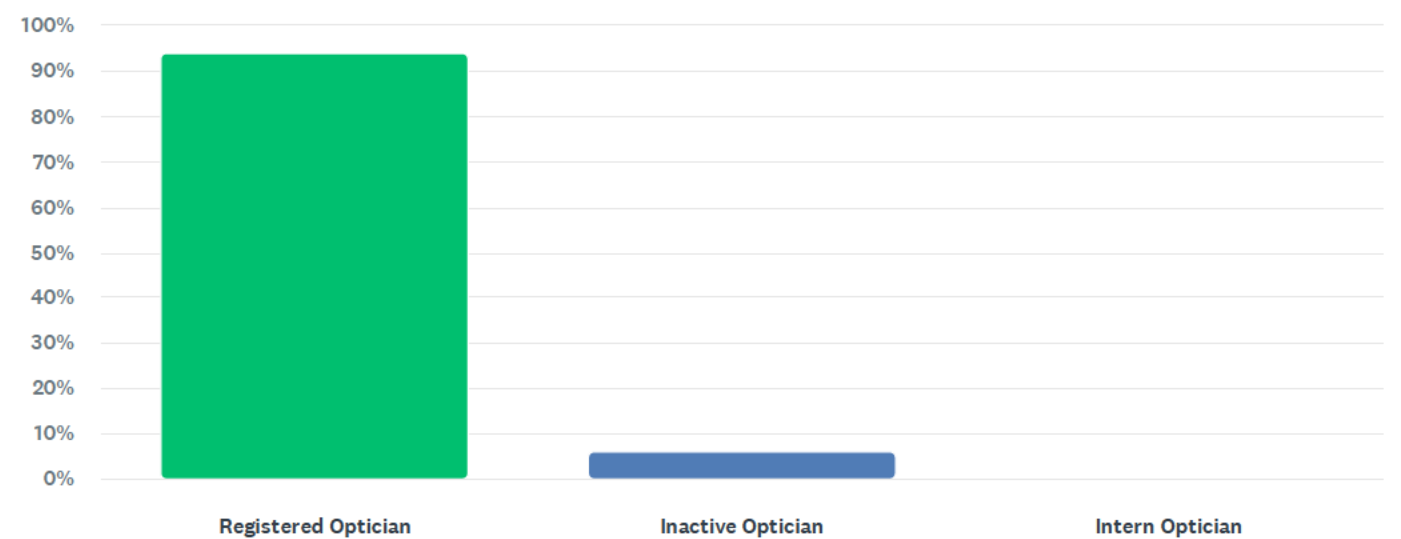
1. **Complete a [Refresher Program](#) approved by the Registration Committee.** The Refresher Program must be completed in the 12 months immediately preceding the renewal deadline for the relevant renewal year.

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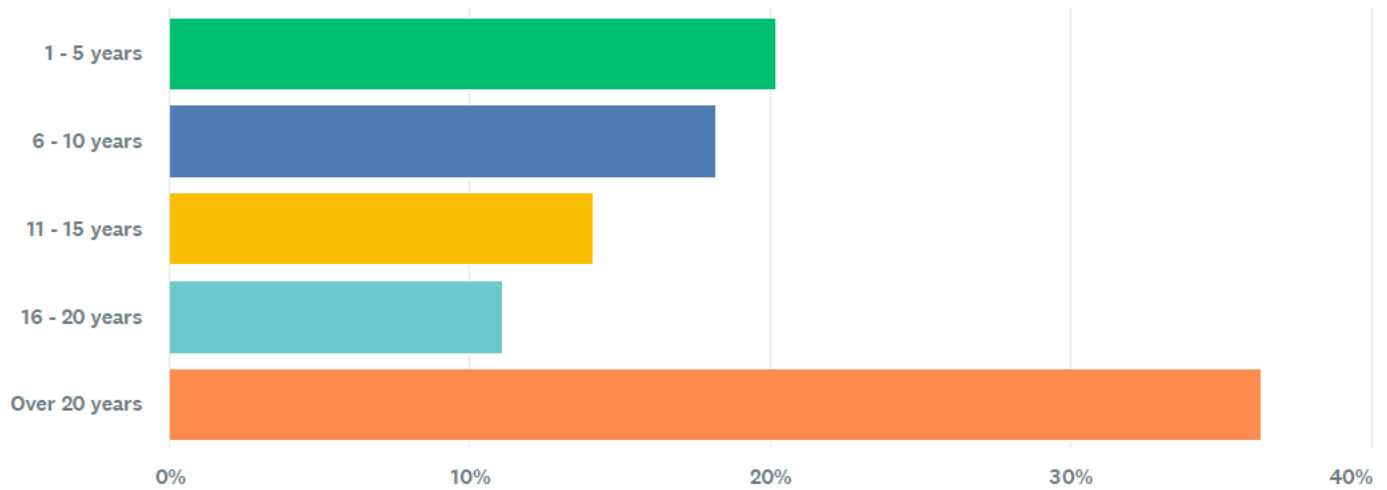
Q1 99 responses

Please indicate if you are a



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Registered Optician	93.94%	93
Inactive Optician	6.06%	6
Intern Optician	0%	0
Total		99

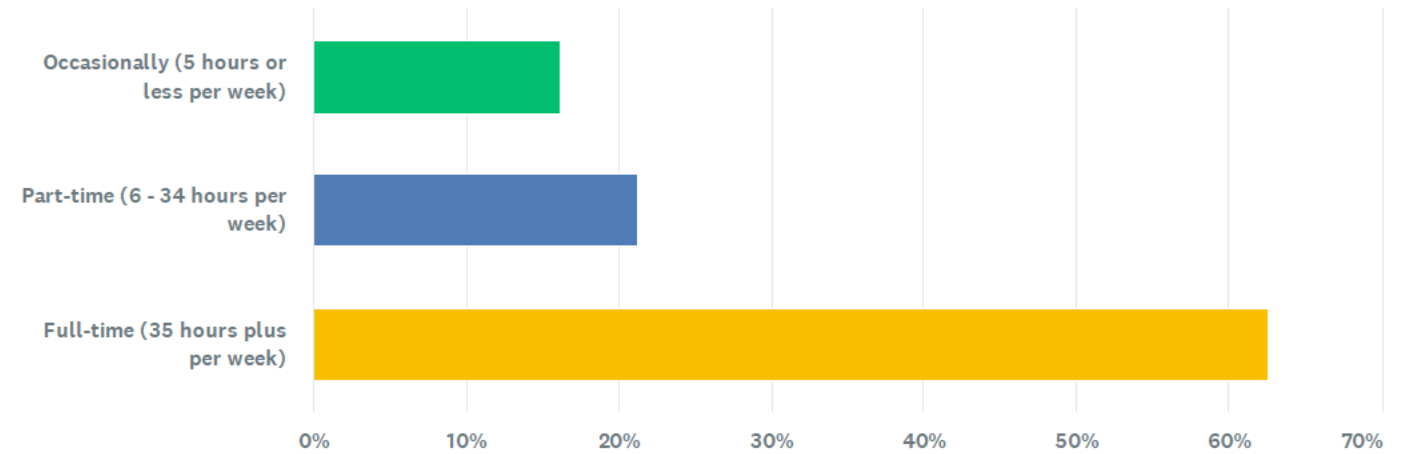
Q2 99 responses

How long have you been registered with the College of Opticians?

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
1 - 5 years	20.20%	20
6 - 10 years	18.18%	18
11 - 15 years	14.14%	14
16 - 20 years	11.11%	11
Over 20 years	36.36%	36
Total		99

Q3 99 responses

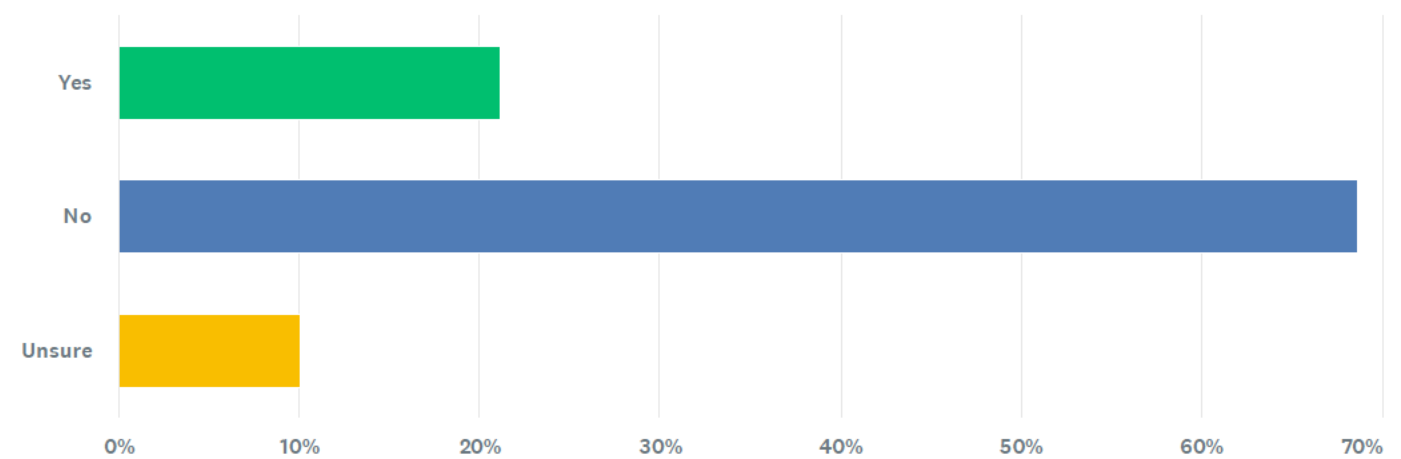
I currently practice opticianry:



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Occasionally (5 hours or less per week)	16.16%	16
Part-time (6 - 34 hours per week)	21.21%	21
Full-time (35 hours plus per week)	62.63%	62
Total		99

Q4 99 responses

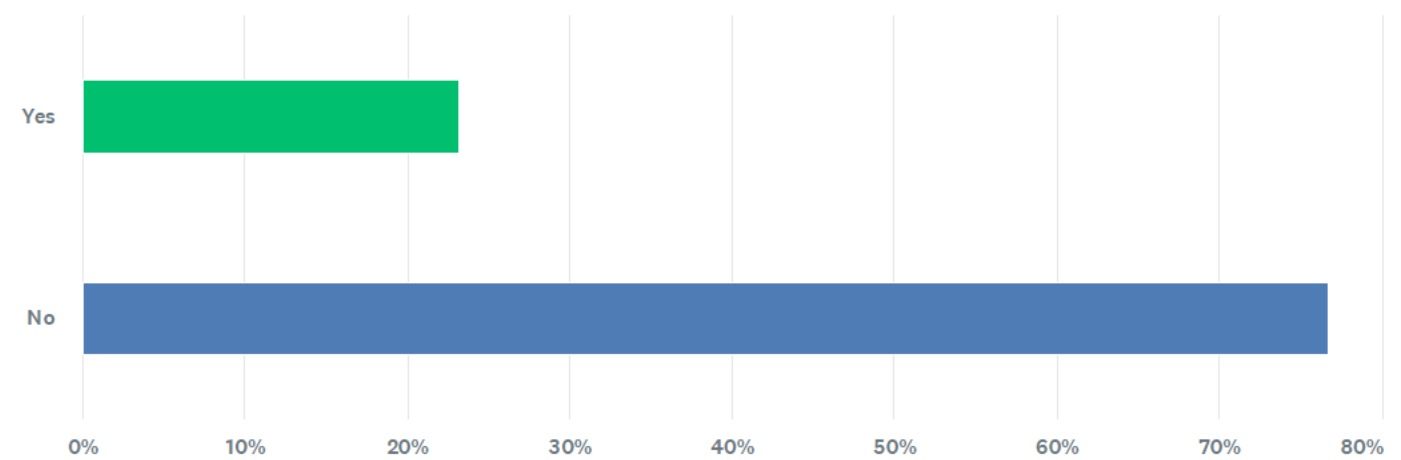
Are you concerned as to whether you'll be able to meet the currency requirement (500 hours in the previous 3-year period)?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	21.21%	21
No	68.69%	68
Unsure	10.10%	10
Total		99

Q5 99 responses

Are there any professional activities that you regularly undertake that are not currently recognized as practice hours, but that you believe contribute to maintaining your competence as an optician? For a full list of activities that are currently approved, please click [here](#).



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	23.23%	23
No	76.77%	76
Total		99

Q6 Please identify the professional activity and provide details about how it helps you maintain or improve your practice.

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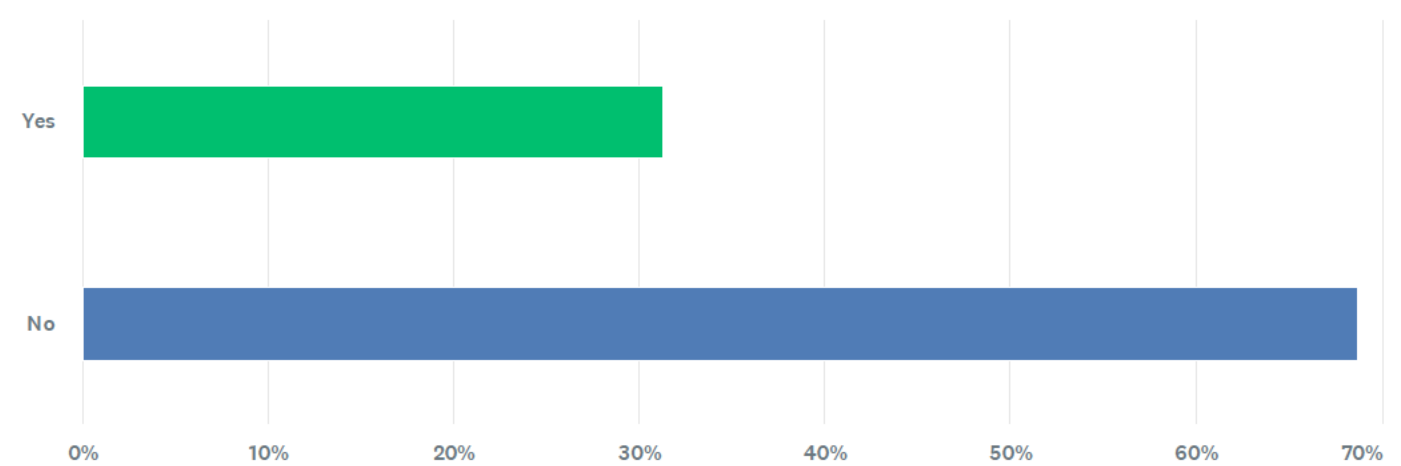
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name of Activity	100.00%	16
How does this activity help maintain or improve your practice?	100.00%	16

#	NAME OF ACTIVITY	DATE
1	Reading Optical Related Articles	5/15/2026 6:38 PM
2	Lab production (B2B) - layout, edging, mounting, quality control/inspection	5/11/2026 9:22 AM
3	New product launch seminars	5/9/2026 11:01 AM
4	Consulting patients for dry eyes	5/5/2026 8:31 PM
5	OAC CE course	5/5/2026 3:16 PM
6	Accredited Hours in study from Wbsite	5/5/2026 1:53 PM
7	Volunteer	5/4/2026 11:14 PM
8	Dispensing of eyeglasses, contact lenses and related duties	5/4/2026 11:01 PM
9	Accredited Courses	5/4/2026 9:13 PM
10	Assisting in eye surgery for cataracts	5/4/2026 5:26 PM
11	Supporting clinics through training and refreshers on various topics such as CL teach, frame adjustments, frame and lens recommendations, measurement skills training	5/4/2026 5:13 PM
12	Training staff, opticians, optometrist in fitting specialty lenses, doing practices fits with them and fitting patients with them.	5/4/2026 4:47 PM
13	Na for now	5/4/2026 4:00 PM
14	Facilitating/Presenting/Training to all team members within an Optical Clinic , researching and developing training content for optometry clinics that is not accredited. This content is often but not always delivered to Opticians. This content is generic in nature and while some would help to promote sales often this content is not solely sales focused.	5/4/2026 3:38 PM
15	Company related activities and meetings	5/4/2026 3:16 PM
16	business administration and management	5/4/2026 3:11 PM
#	HOW DOES THIS ACTIVITY HELP MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE YOUR PRACTICE?	DATE
1	It helps because I still end up having to refresh my knowledge often to fact check the articles.	5/15/2026 6:38 PM
2	At every/any stage, I must be constantly aware of the correct optical and cosmetic tolerances and standards before properly certifying the eyeglasses (and their components) are complete and ready for the patient to use.	5/11/2026 9:22 AM
3	Knowledge of innovation products for seeing better or comfort	5/9/2026 11:01 AM
4	Dry eye is closely related to visual comfort of patients. Those experiences greatly help the troubleshooting glasses related problems.	5/5/2026 8:31 PM
5	Keep me stay on top of the optical business	5/5/2026 3:16 PM
6	Competence and continues education and learning	5/5/2026 1:53 PM

7	Cleaning glasses for seniors, adjusting their glasses adding nose pads	5/4/2026 11:14 PM
8	Help maintaining professional quality and integrity	5/4/2026 11:01 PM
9	Yes	5/4/2026 9:13 PM
10	I learn more about eyes and their outcomes from lens implants	5/4/2026 5:26 PM
11	Supporting clinics in my portfolio with the above trainings ensures that their teams provide quality care in their clinics	5/4/2026 5:13 PM
12	It is keeping my ability to fit specialty lenses sharp	5/4/2026 4:47 PM
13	Na for now	5/4/2026 4:00 PM
14	I deliver training and support initiatives for optometry clinics, focused on enhancing patient education, team collaboration, and overall quality of care. I work with training content developed at the organizational level, contributing to its refinement and ensuring effective delivery to optical teams. My role involves facilitating learning for opticians, optometrists, and their teams, helping strengthen communication, improve service approaches, and support cohesive clinic operations. Training topics I support include lens fitting and troubleshooting, lens selection, contact lens basics, contact lens insertion and removal, and effectively connecting product features and benefits to individual patient needs, as well as fostering teamwork within clinics and the broader optical community. While some training includes product knowledge, the primary focus is on enabling teams to better understand patient needs and provide a high standard of care. Through this work, I gain exposure to a wide range of optical products, services, and clinical practices, along with insight into how clinics operate both internally and within the broader vision care community. I use this knowledge to support teams in enhancing their skills, fostering collaboration, and delivering consistently positive patient experiences.	5/4/2026 3:38 PM
15	It keeps us involved into the latest technology and the latest techniques for business	5/4/2026 3:16 PM
16	training the team, understanding the business better, implementing initiatives to improve, gathering valuable feedback to improve the standard and quality of care for patients	5/4/2026 3:11 PM

Q7 16 responses

Do you have another activity that you would like to suggest be recognized?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	31.25%	5
No	68.75%	11
Total		16

Q8 Please identify the professional activity and provide details about how it helps you maintain or improve your practice.

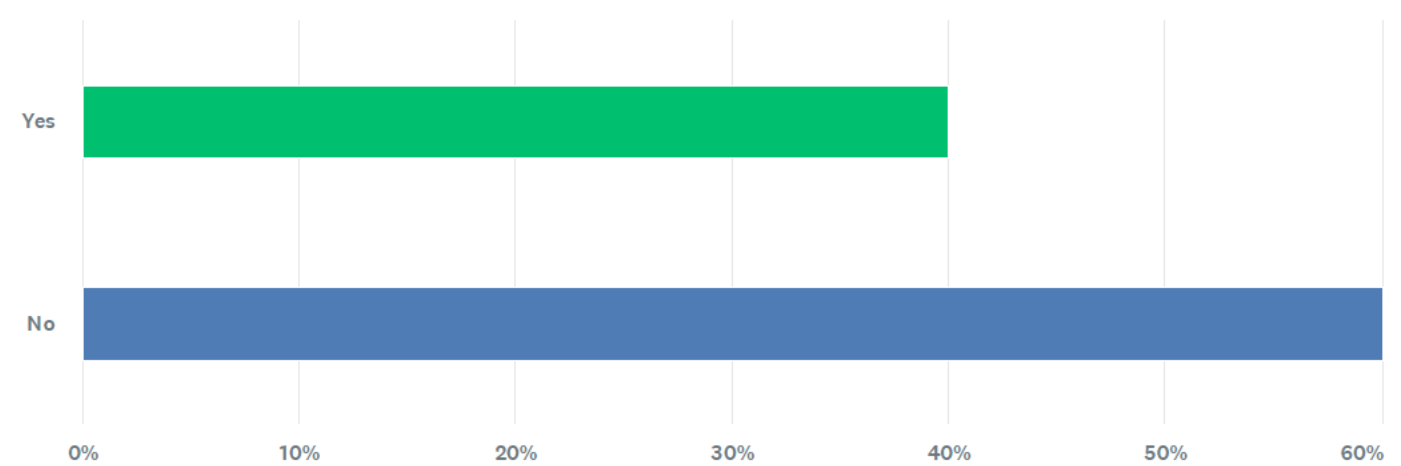
Answered: 5 Skipped: 94

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name of Activity	100.00%	5
How does this activity help maintain or improve your practice?	100.00%	5

#	NAME OF ACTIVITY	DATE
1	Troubleshooting Optical Related Problems	5/15/2026 6:38 PM
2	Consulting patients for LASIK/SMILE/PRK	5/5/2026 8:33 PM
3	Directly supervising, assuring the quality of services of opticianry staff engaged in dispensing.	5/4/2026 11:04 PM
4	Managing a portfolio of independent opticals- supporting their growth, improve quality of care for patients and ensuring their teams are well trained	5/4/2026 5:24 PM
5	Training on optical products - fitting myopia management lenses	5/4/2026 4:50 PM
#	HOW DOES THIS ACTIVITY HELP MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE YOUR PRACTICE?	DATE
1	Helps broaden the knowledge by simply keeping up in troubleshooting problems that arise in the community	5/15/2026 6:38 PM
2	This activity involves lens verification, refraction, and examination of anterior eye. It utilizes the knowledge gained in optician school	5/5/2026 8:33 PM
3	To be able to supervise other staff members the optician always have to make a research a make sure that they are able to answer questions .	5/4/2026 11:04 PM
4	The above helps to improve overall practice growth and using my years of experience as an optician helps me support these clinics- it is as important as me dispensing in 1 clinic and keeping my license is important. Although not directly dispensing, i should be able to make my hours of work count to keep my license and the college should be supportive of our career growth as well.	5/4/2026 5:24 PM
5	This is part of what we do as optician and is similar to teaching	5/4/2026 4:50 PM

Q9 5 responses

Do you have another activity that you would like to suggest be recognized?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	40.00%	2
No	60.00%	3
Total		5

Q10 Please identify the professional activity and provide details about how it helps you maintain or improve your practice.

Answered: 2 Skipped: 97

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name of Activity	100.00%	2
How does this activity help maintain or improve your practice?	100.00%	2

#	NAME OF ACTIVITY	DATE
1	Consulting patients for cataract surgery	5/5/2026 8:35 PM
2	Practice management training.	5/4/2026 4:51 PM
#	HOW DOES THIS ACTIVITY HELP MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE YOUR PRACTICE?	DATE
1	We have to ask patients what glasses they wear before the surgery, so as to suggest the suitable intraocular lens for them. It is based on my knowledge of visual habits of patients and lens design.	5/5/2026 8:35 PM
2	This is similar to the PG credits we are required to do each year	5/4/2026 4:51 PM

Q11 Please share any additional feedback or comments on the Currency Policy that you would like the College to know.

Answered: 31 Skipped: 68

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	My concern is when the optician is complying with all other requirements. Continuing Education and full payment for licensed optician. Currency rule 500 hours required is impossible to receive when on personal or medical leave. This currency 500 hours requirement suggest you can call any establishment to receive your required hours which is not possible. Require to be placed on pay roll. This requirement should be removed.	5/24/2026 10:24 PM
2	Condition 4 of the policy should be removed	5/22/2026 9:58 PM
3	No.	5/15/2026 9:05 AM
4	Anything related to dispensing should count including lab work, volunteering	5/11/2026 1:11 PM
5	n/a	5/7/2026 4:21 PM
6	I think currency policy having 500 hours yearly is fair and enough.	5/6/2026 5:43 PM
7	I think 500 is a lot of hours.... if you were part time and a snowbird and away for 6 months of the year it would be hard to comply...	5/6/2026 11:19 AM
8	Nil	5/6/2026 8:39 AM
9	I think it need better enforcement. If I complete all of my obligations and someone else doesn't, why should there not be consequences.	5/6/2026 8:22 AM
10	For people who require hours maybe utilize the time hours used for credits.	5/6/2026 12:18 AM
11	It would be great if the currency hours can be reduced for members who engage in clinical eyecare but participate in eyeglasses-related activities occasionally.	5/5/2026 8:37 PM
12	I think there is an argument to be made that business administration and supervision of office staff holds some optical currency application. However, what the current currency policy outlines is sufficient and effective for the means of calculating "optician" hours.	5/5/2026 4:14 PM
13	NA	5/5/2026 1:53 PM
14	More online courses please	5/5/2026 11:24 AM
15	The new 500 hours is uncalled for as we do our CE credits to keep up with current standards and more.	5/5/2026 10:40 AM
16	I think 500 hours over 3 years is asking LITTLE of us. Also, being able to include time spent on things like CE courses, sanitizing, and record keeping is another generous concession by the College, and I don't think any reduction in hours or including further tasks in the tally is required.	5/5/2026 9:36 AM
17	May-24 Sales Week [REDACTED] Week 2 [REDACTED] Week3 [REDACTED] Week 4 [REDACTED] Week 5 [REDACTED] Month total [REDACTED] May-24 Sales Week 1 1 [REDACTED] Week 2 [REDACTED] Week3 [REDACTED] Week 4 [REDACTED] Week 5 [REDACTED] Month total [REDACTED] Complete a refresher program approved by the Registration Committee. The refresher program will need to be completed within 6 months from the date the registrant is notified by the College that they do	5/5/2026 8:01 AM

not meet the currency requirements. Registrants who do not complete the refresher program by the deadline may be referred to the Quality Assurance Committee. What if they practiced 450 hours.. Have you decided what a refresher course would look like?

18	I believe there should be more in place for maternity leave members. Women should not have to pay large fees when they aren't working for months and should not be required to pay more when they do reapply for license after 12 to 18 months on. I find it rather absurd that in this day and age you still are penalizing women for creating life.	5/4/2026 8:37 PM
19	How does cleaning and disinfecting eyewear contribute toward currency? This task can be done by anyone and, in my opinion reduces the effectiveness of the policy.	5/4/2026 7:40 PM
20	I feel that the continuing education credits should hold more value than just one hour each. Depending on one's work environment, one can be without a client and be idle for a few hours and still get more credit than someone who actively upgrades their knowledge skills from a continuing education credit and yet only gets one hour of work credit.	5/4/2026 7:00 PM
21	I do not feel that currency should be required to be a licensed Optician. I believe continuing education credits are all that should be required. Nurses are not required to work a certain amount of hours to remain licensed and the liability can be far greater. The change has left me considering no longer being an Optician.	5/4/2026 5:29 PM
22	500 hrs are a lot if you are retired and just want to do casual locum work.	5/4/2026 5:20 PM
23	3rd world trips should be listed separately as they are voluntary unpaid hours.	5/4/2026 5:11 PM
24	I hope the policy takes life events and disabilities into account.	5/4/2026 5:11 PM
25	I am required to have an optician license in my role because I do fits with clinics but I am in "sales" role full-time. These options allow people in similar roles to maintain their license.	5/4/2026 4:54 PM
26	How should a temporary or a seasonal Optician keep their confidence that their License won't be removed working under reduced hours ?	5/4/2026 4:46 PM
27	Thank you for all hard work for us I think , the most issue that must be considered , is those unauthorized practice where not hiring opticians and in future , optician should change their profession	5/4/2026 3:38 PM
28	Excessive	5/4/2026 3:37 PM
29	Cleaning and disinfecting eyewear should not be included as practice hours.	5/4/2026 3:31 PM
30	I think this policy is fair and comprehensive.	5/4/2026 3:25 PM
31	N/A	5/4/2026 3:13 PM