

We are seeking your input on a proposed addition to the Professional Standards of Practice and Practice Guidelines for Opticians in the Province of Ontario: [Standard 10: Delegation](#).

We value your feedback, and it will be carefully considered by the Clinical Practice Committee and the Board of Directors.

Background information relevant to the Draft Delegation Standards:

Delegating and receiving delegation in appropriate circumstances can result in more timely delivery of quality vision care. In all instances of delegation, the primary consideration should be in the best interest of the patient. Delegation is not intended to expand the scope of practice.

This draft Standard articulates the minimum level of performance expectations for opticians when delegating a controlled act or practising through the delegation of controlled acts. Practice Guidelines have also been proposed to provide additional guidance on practice expectations.

The proposed Standard and Guidelines address both the giving and receiving of delegation by an optician, and establish the parameters under which delegation must occur, including accountabilities, record keeping requirements and ensuring a patient's informed consent.

In light of the fact that opticians frequently practice in shared environments with optometrists, the proposed Standard and Guidelines were drafted with the intention of ensuring consistency with the corresponding standards established by the College of Optometrists in its [Optometric Practice Reference](#).

Once you have reviewed the draft delegation standard and practice guideline document, this survey will take approx. 10 minutes to complete.

Access the survey here. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/delegationstandard>

Registered Opticians who participate in this survey may use the time spent, hour for hour as self directed hours toward their 2020 continuing education requirements.

The survey closes on **November 14, 2020**.

All responses remain anonymous and will only be communicated in aggregate format. The College is committed to ensuring that opticians in Ontario provide safe, quality care to clients.