

REGISTRATION POLICY

Legacy Retired Optician Policy

Legacy Retired Optician Status

1. The College of Opticians of Ontario (College) may designate former registrants with Legacy Retired Optician Status.
2. Legacy Retired Optician Status is an honorary status to recognize the contributions and dedication of former registrants to the profession of opticianry.

Eligibility for Legacy Retired Optician Status

3. In order to qualify for Legacy Retired Optician Status, the applicant must meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - a. They previously held a certificate of registration as a Registered Opticians, and have either:
 - i. Voluntarily resigned their certificate of registration due to retirement; or
 - ii. Were automatically revoked under section 17(7) of the Registration Regulation (O. Reg. 32/24) under the *Opticianry Act, 1991* due to non-renewal of their certificate of registration following retirement.
 - b. The number of years they were registered with the College and their age together total at least 85.
 - c. They are not in default of fees or any other obligations owed to the College, other than payment of the annual registration renewal fee.
 - d. They are not the subject of proceedings for professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity in relation to any profession, in any jurisdiction.
 - e. They are not in breach of an order of a College Committee or a panel of a College Committee.
 - f. They are not the subject of an ongoing inquiry or investigation by the Registrar, a College Committee, or another regulatory body in any jurisdiction.
 - g. They have not otherwise acted in a manner that is inconsistent with an ongoing association with the College, or that would bring the profession of opticianry into disrepute.
4. Legacy Retired Optician Status may be granted to former registrants who are now deceased.

Application for Legacy Retired Optician Status

5. Former registrants of the College may apply, or be nominated, for Legacy Retired Optician Status by applying to the Registrar.
6. The Registration Committee and/or the Board of Directors may approve an application for Legacy Retired Optician Status based on the eligibility criteria set out in this policy.
7. The Registration Committee and/or the Board of Directors may revoke an individual's Legacy Retired Optician Status if the individual no longer meets the criteria for designation.

Conditions of Legacy Retired Optician Status.

8. Legacy Retired Opticians will be recognized on the College's website. Legacy Retired Opticians who are deceased may be included in an In Memoriam section.
9. Legacy Retired Opticians may not practice opticianry or hold out as being entitled to practice opticianry.
10. As former registrants, Legacy Retired Opticians are not entitled to participate in board of director elections.
11. A Legacy Retired Optician who wishes to return to practice will be required to reapply to the College as a new applicant and meet the registration in place at that time.