

Proposed Amendments to the Registration Regulation

Existing Clause	Proposed New Clause	Explanation/Rationale
<p>Classes</p> <p>1. The following are prescribed as classes of certificates of registration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registered opticians. 2. Registered intern opticians. 3. Inactive 	<p>Classes</p> <p>1. The following are prescribed as classes of certificates of registration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registered opticians. 2. Registered intern opticians. 3. Inactive 4. Temporary Emergency 	<p>A temporary 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>Application</p> <p>2. (2) An applicant for the issue of a certificate of registration as a registered optician must submit evidence of professional liability insurance in the amount and in the form required under the by-laws.</p>	<p>Application</p> <p>2. (2) An applicant for the issue of a certificate of registration as a registered optician or as a temporary emergency optician must submit evidence of professional liability insurance in the amount and in the form required under the by-laws.</p>	<p>Opticians in the temporary emergency class will be required to demonstrate that they are covered by professional liability insurance.</p>
<p>Conditions, all classes</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Conditions, all classes</p> <p>6. The following are conditions of a certificate of registration of any class:</p> <p>4. A member shall only use titles and abbreviations of titles respecting the profession in accordance with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> iv. A member who holds a certificate of registration as a temporary emergency optician may only use the title "Registered Temporary Emergency Optician", the abbreviation "RO (temporary emergency 	<p>This provision offers clarification on the use of protected title(s) for temporary emergency class registrants.</p>

	class)” or a variation of them or an equivalent in another language.	
N/A	<p>Registration requirements, temporary emergency class</p> <p>15.1 (1) The following are non-exemptible registration requirements for a certificate of registration as a registered optician in the temporary emergency class:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council of the College has determined that there are emergency circumstances such that it is in the public interest to issue certificates of registration in the emergency class. In making this determination, the Council may take into account all of the relevant circumstance including the presence of a significant interruption in the processing of applications for registration for other classes such that there is a lengthy delay in their being registered and any requests by the Minister to initiate registrations under the emergency class. 2. The member must hold a certificate of registration as an inactive optician or a temporary emergency optician. 3. 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. 	<p>This provision establishes the non-exemptible requirements for holding a certificate of registration as a Temporary Emergency optician.</p> <p>Specifically, the College’s Board (Council) must first determine that emergency circumstances exist such as to warrant issuing certificates in this class. The Board will have discretion to take all relevant circumstances into account, including an interruption in processing applications in other classes, or a request from the Minister of Health to initiate registrations in this class.</p> <p>The only individuals who will be eligible for registration in this class will be those holding a certificate of registration as an Inactive Optician or those who already hold a certificate as a Registered Temporary Emergency Optician.</p> <p>Applicants for a certificate in this class will be required to satisfy the Registrar that they will meet the standards of practice. A policy will be enacted that sets out the criteria for demonstrating satisfactory practice standards (e.g. minimum number of practice hours).</p>
	<p>Terms, conditions and limitations, emergency class</p> <p>(2) The following are the conditions of a certificate of registration in the temporary emergency class:</p>	<p>This provision sets out the terms, conditions and limitations for certificate holders in the Temporary Emergency Class.</p> <p>Opticians in this class will be required to practice only within their skills, knowledge and judgment, maintain professional liability insurance, display their validated certificate of</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The member shall practice the profession only within the scope of his or her skills, knowledge and judgement. 2. The member shall maintain professional liability insurance in the amount and in the form required by the by-laws. 3. The member shall promptly and, in any event, within five business days, provide the College with details in writing if the member does not have the professional liability insurance coverage specified in the by-laws. 4. The member shall promptly and, in any event, within five business days, advise the College in writing if the member ceases to be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada or to have authorization under the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> (Canada) permitting the member to engage in the practice of opticianry in Ontario. 5. The member shall prominently display the member's certificate of registration, affixed with the current College renewal validation decal, at the principal location where the member practises opticianry. 	<p>registration in their principal practice location, and inform the College if they no longer hold liability insurance or if they are no longer eligible to work as an optician in Canada.</p>
	<p>(3) Subject to para (4), a certificate of registration as a temporary emergency optician expires on the day that is one day before the deadline to renew a certificate of registration in the temporary emergency class under the by-laws.</p>	<p>The expiry of certificates in the Temporary Emergency class will be aligned with the College's annual renewal deadline for Registered Opticians (currently December 31). Accordingly, the certificate will not be valid for longer than one calendar year.</p>
	<p>(4) The Registrar may renew a temporary emergency certificate of registration on or before the deadline for renewal under the by-laws unless the Council of the College has determined that</p>	<p>Opticians in the temporary emergency class will be eligible to apply to renew their certificate of registration so long as the emergency circumstances remain in place.</p>

	<p>emergency circumstances no longer exist to warrant the issuance of certificates of registration in the temporary emergency class.</p>	
	<p>(5) A member who holds or held a certificate of registration as a temporary 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"> 1. requests in writing to the Registrar that he or she be issued a certificate of registration as a registered optician, and 2. provides evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that the member has practised opticianry as a temporary emergency optician in a manner that demonstrates that the member meets the standards of practice in Ontario. 	<p>Current Temporary 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. They will be required to satisfy the Registrar that they practised as an optician while holding a Temporary 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>