

FACT SHEET



College of Opticians of British Columbia

Reinstatement of Registration

The **College of Opticians of BC (COBC)** is the regulatory body for the profession of Opticianry in British Columbia. All persons with suspended or cancelled registrations may apply for reinstatement with the COBC in order to reactivate their registration as a Dispensing Optician, Contact Lens Fitter, or Non-Practicing registrant.

Reinstatement within three (3) years of the suspension or cancellation date:

Suspended/cancelled registrants may submit a *Reinstatement of Registration* form to the COBC and apply for reinstatement up to three years to the date of your suspension or cancellation.

The form must be accompanied by the following 4 materials:

- 1) Proof of completion of your Continuing Education requirements, **or** proof of practicing Opticianry in good standing in another jurisdiction, **or** proof of successfully rewriting the Opticianry examination,
- 2) The *Criminal Records Search* form and payment,
- 3) Payment for Reinstatement Fee for each suspended or cancelled year, and
- 4) Payment for the current year's Annual Renewal of Registration Fee.

Upon approval by the Registrar, the suspended or cancelled registrant would be reinstated and his registration would be active for the current year, until the upcoming renewal of registration period.

Reinstatement after three (3) years of the suspension or cancellation date:

Suspended or cancelled registrants who wish to reinstate after three years must submit a written request to the COBC to re-apply for registration. If applicable, they must also submit the following 3 documents:

- 1) Proof of practicing Opticianry in good standing in another jurisdiction,
- 2) Proof of completion of an Opticianry education program (official transcript), and
- 3) Proof of completion of an Opticianry licensing examination (official transcript).

The Registration Committee will review the written request and accompanying documents. The Committee may request the completion of an Opticianry program as well as re-examination. After satisfying the Committee's requirements, the suspended or cancelled registrant will be eligible for registration to the COBC as a New Registrant.

Schedule of Reinstatement of Suspended/Cancelled Registrants

	Suspension/Cancellation Year 1	Suspension/Cancellation Year 2	Suspension/Cancellation Year 3
Submission for Reinstatement Dates	Date of Suspension/Cancellation until March 31	April 1 to March 31	April 1 until 3 Years to the Date of Suspension/Cancellation
Reinstatement Fee per year (\$150.00+GST\$9.00=\$159.00)	1 Fee	2 Fees	3 Fees
Annual Renewal of Registration Fee	Yes – current year	Yes – current year	Yes – current year

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