



**1.0 Application for registration with College of Opticians of British Columbia (COBC)
Non-Accredited Education**

Canadian and international applicants who have not graduated from an accredited and recognized program or are not registered in good standing with another Canadian optician regulator may be accepted for admission where they have a combination of knowledge, skills, experience and abilities, which are, in the opinion of the registration committee, substantially equivalent to the requirements set out in the Bylaws for new applicants. These applicants will proceed to **step 2** in the registration process and begin a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition process (PLAR). To view all of the 7 steps to registration please visit www.cobc.ca.

2.0 Assessment of Application

At present you are required to submit the following:

- Pages 1, 5, 6 and 7 of the Registration Package
- Information on Previous Applications Form
- Dispensing Experience and Fittings Form
- Document Assessment Fee of \$165.00 + HST = \$184.80
- Any of the applicable information and/or documents listed below:

Items for Assessment

2.1 Details of work experience

All information to be recorded on **Dispensing Experience & Fittings Form**

2.2 Transcripts of formal education

Include name and location of school, date of enrolment and graduation, grade achieved, course outlines and if the program is accredited in its jurisdiction provide the name of the accrediting agency

2.3 Examination

Have you successfully challenged a certification / licensure examination in Canada or in another country? If yes, provide the name of certifying agency, date of examination and mark achieved (must provide proof from the certifying agency)

2.4 Letters of personal reference and professional competence

Must be applicable to Opticianry, match details of work experience and be verifiable

2.5 Letters of registration or licensure

Are you registered or licensed in Canada or in another country? If yes, provide a letter from the regulatory organization. It must include the name of the regulatory organization, the location, your class of standing, status, expiration and a notation of any disciplinary action

2.6 ICES, IQAS or WES

If you have had your international credentials evaluated in Canada please provide the report

2.7 Language proficiency

Applicants must demonstrate a proficiency in English, if you have completed an English as a Second Language (ESL) course please provide the name of the course you completed, the level completed and a copy of any certification

3.0 Assessment of Applicant (theoretical, practical and an in person interview)

3.1 Competency Gap Analysis (CGA)

3.2 Interview and practical conducted by a panel determined by the Registration Committee

After the assessment of application has taken place you will be required to complete a competency gap analysis (CGA) and an interview with a practical component. The CGA, interview and practical are tools used to assess the competencies of an applicant. These tools will assist in identifying any gaps in learning that may require additional education. The cost if the assessment is \$600.00 + HST.

To begin the process, please complete the required information and return it to the COBC. Please contact Brandi Park at the COBC if you have any questions or require assistance.

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