

Notice of bylaw amendment:

At the February 29, 2016 board meeting, the Board of the College of Optometrists of British Columbia (CDOBC) approved amendments to the Bylaws. Notice of the amendment is hereby provided to the Minister of Health, regulatory colleges of other health professions in the province, the public, and other interested stakeholders, as required by section 19(6.2) of the *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”).

These amendments update Schedule F of our bylaws, which is a list of recognized schools of optometry, for the purpose of Part 4 – Registration. Our College (and, indeed, all Canadian optometry regulators) recognizes professional optometric degree programs in Canada and the U.S. which are accredited by the *Accreditation Council on Optometric Education* (the ACOE). The current schedule was last amended in 2010 and is out of date. Since then, the ACOE has accredited several new professional optometric degree programs. In addition, some institutions have undergone name changes.

- View the *resolution and schedule* of the proposed amendments
- View a *redline version* of the proposed bylaws
- View a *clean version* of the proposed bylaws

Comments:

Kindly provide any feedback or comments you may have on the proposed Bylaw amendment to the College and the Ministry of Health no later than **5:00 pm on June 6, 2016**.

Comments should be forwarded to:

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| Ministry of Health http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/professional-regulation/contact.html | College of Optometrists of British Columbia |
| Comments on proposed changes to professional regulations or regulatory college bylaws may be submitted by <i>email, feedback form</i> or ordinary mail. These submissions should be addressed to the attention of the Director, Professional Regulation. The Ministry prefers to receive submissions in an electronic format (<i>email, feedback form</i> , MS Word, PDF), but submissions by ordinary mail are welcome. | Email: registrar@optometrybc.ca Fax: 604.623.3465 |
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