



## The Examiner

The Bi-monthly newsletter of the College of Optometrists of British Columbia

December 2022 | From Rick C Gambrel, Registrar.

### Health Professions and Occupations Act receives Royal Assent, in force date not known.

Bill 36, the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*, received Royal Assent on November 24, 2022 and is now law in British Columbia.

The BC Government has not yet released an implementation schedule and in force date for the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*. When the new legislation comes into force, it will replace the *Health Professions Act* as the governing legislation for health regulatory colleges in BC.

Likewise, there is yet no detailed plan or timeline for the amalgamation of the College and 10 other health regulatory colleges into two new multi-profession regulatory colleges. BC health regulatory colleges, including CDOBC, will continue to operate under the *Health Professions Act* until the new legislation comes into force.

CDOBC will communicate with registrants, applicants, and other stakeholders as more information is confirmed about changes to be made under the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*, and about amalgamation.

#### More Information:

- [Patients the focus of new health legislation](#)
- [Bill 36 Health Professions and Occupations Act \(3rd reading, November 24, 2022\)](#)

### Professional Enhancement Program:

After much planning and testing, **the PEP is ready to be launched in January**. It will assist all registrants to continue their professional development in the direction



## Our Mandate

Our mandate is to serve and protect all British Columbians, ensuring that regulated Optometrists deliver qualified, safe, and ethical care to their patients.

## Holiday Closure

The College office will be closed December 23 to January 3, 2023.

that each wishes - to be the best that you can be.  
Look for more information soon.

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## Practice and Optometric Corporation certificates

Your registration Certificate is your assurance to the patient that you are a registered Optometrist in this province. **Each place of practice must have your certificate prominently displayed.** It must be an official certificate with the official Gold seal, not a photocopy. Additional copies are available from the office for a fee. Those practicing through an **Optometric Corporation must display the original certificate from the College** in your place of practice along with the sticker for the current registration year, sent from the College.

We wish you all a relaxing holiday season.

## Board Meeting

Next meeting:  
March 13, 2023

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