



The Examiner

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Professional Enhancement Program

PEP is a new component of Quality Assurance to further enable registrants to provide the highest standard of service to the public. All will have received an email from the group that administers this program – the Career-Span Competence Collaborative (CSC) – which provides you with a unique log-in. If you haven't already created your profile and started your self-assessment, it is time to do this. **CSC Portal**

The self-assessment must be completed by July 31, 2023, followed by your Professional Development (PD) plan completion by October 31, 2023. In addition each registrant must complete their usual 20 hours of CE.

Name Visibility

Recently Registrar Rick Gambrel has noticed several Optometrist's offices not adhering to Bylaw # 116 **Place of Practice**

*116. (1) A place of practice must
(d) prominently display signage visible from the exterior of each place of practice containing the name of each registrant who practices there,
(e) prominently display the BC optometric corporation's permit if the place of practice is operated by or through a BC optometric corporation, and
(f) not display the name of any registrant at any place of practice who does not personally provide optometric services at that location.*

Confidentiality Agreements

Bylaw # 96 **Storage and retention of personal information**

*96. (1) A registrant must ensure that all records
(a) pertaining to his or her practice, and
(b) containing personal information are safely and securely stored.
(2) Records stored under this section must be accessible only to the registrant, his or her staff, and persons who have signed a confidentiality agreement with the registrant*



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 May 22, 2023.

Board Meeting

Next meeting:

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