

# The Examiner

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

August 2023 | From Rick C Gambrel, Registrar.

#### **Professional Enhancement Program**

**PEP** July 31, 2023 was the deadline to finish your Self-Assessment on PEP. Sixteen of you still have not done so and will be receiving communication from the College.

For everyone, the next part – the **PD Plan** - is now open for you to complete. <u>This MUST be done by October 31, 2023</u> in order to fulfill your Quality Assurance requirements when you renew your Registration for 2023.

Click here to log in to CSC Portal.

## **Process for a complaint - Inquiry Committee(IC)**

Should a patient choose to launch a formal complaint about a Registrant, the process that is followed according to the Health Professions Act (HPA) is posted on the website at <a href="Complaint Process - College of Optometrists of British Columbia">Complaint Process - College of Optometrists of British Columbia</a> (optometrybc.com). The timeframe to finalize a disposition varies from several months to a year or longer. The vast majority of complaints are related to communication issues.

## **Renewal of Registration**

This is a reminder that renewal of Registration for all is October 31, 2023. Please check your OE Tracker account to ensure that you have enough CE Hours recorded.



#### **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 in

Sep 4, 2023 - Labour Day

## **Board Meeting**

Next meetings:

September 15th, 2023

December 11th, 2023

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