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Upcoming Events

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This year will see 100 years of Optometry regulation in British Columbia. The Optometry Act came into force in B.C. on July 1, 1921. The First Optometry Act defined Optometry as follows:

“Section 2. Any one or any combination of the following practices constitutes the practice of optometry –

- a) The examination of the human eye without the use of drugs, medicine, or surgery to ascertain the presence of defects or abnormal conditions which can be corrected by the use of lenses, prisms, or ocular exercises:
- b) The employment of objective or subjective mechanical means to determine the accommodative or refractive states of the human eye or the range or power of vision of the human eye:
- c) The prescription or adaptation without the use of drugs, medicine, or surgery of lenses, prisms, or ocular exercises to correct defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye or adjust the human eye to conditions of a special occupation.”

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Our Mandate

To act in the public interest and to ensure the public is provided with safe, ethical, and effective optometric services throughout the province.



Virtual Peer Circle

The College will be offering for the first time, a virtual Peer Circle, using Zoom, on **September 12, 2021**. More information will follow in a separate email soon.

Reorganized College Polices and Standards of Practice



The College has recently undertaken a reorganization of its Policies and Standards of Practice. While the content of these items has not changed, the College's goal in this project was to make these more useful and readable for registrants. Registrants should familiarize themselves with the newly reorganized Policies and Standards of Practice here:

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