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Release of Prescriptions

In an effort to educate and remind registrants of their responsibilities, and to respond to frequent calls from the public, the College will regularly publish reminders about Bylaw and Policy requirements.

Release of prescriptions: After each full comprehensive eye health examination, it is the registrant's responsibility to provide a written spectacle prescription. This prescription must include a PD and be provided free of charge. If there has been a billing to MSP (2899) the prescription must be provided even if additional fees have not been paid. *The description of what is covered under a 2899 is: "Includes the determination of the refractive index of the eye, the presence of any abnormality in the visual system, and the provision of a written prescription, if lenses are required."* Contact lens prescriptions (specifications) must be provided on request once the fitting has been successfully completed. Expired



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.

prescriptions should be noted as “Expired” and should NOT be signed. See [College Policies](#) 1.2.6 and 1.2.7

Peer Circle

For the first time, on September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the College will be offering our Peer Circle in an online format, allowing registrants from around the province to attend remotely.

Spaces are limited

You may register at the following [link](#)

A reminder that each registrant is required, by October 31, 2021 to obtain:

- (a) No less than 20 accredited continuing education hours, and;
- (b) A maximum of 10 hours out of the required 20 accredited continuing education hours may be on subjects other than ocular health.

You may wish to check your OE Tracker to determine your current CE hours.

The Examiner is distributed to registrants of the College of Optometrists of BC. It is one of the College's official methods of notification to its registrants. Registrants are responsible for reading College publications to ensure that they are aware of current standards, policies and guidelines.

THE COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT 2020



The 2020 College Annual report is available on our website :

http://optometrybc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/college_optometry_annual_report_2020_2.pdf