

**Regulation**

In the “Consolidated Regulations, Including Amendments, Under the *Opticianry Act, 1991*, as of February 19, 2000”, under the Reinstatement of a certificate of registration as a Registered Optician, Section 12, paragraph (5), states:

*“An application for reinstatement made more than three [3] years from the date of suspension shall be referred to the Registration Committee, which shall evaluate the applicant’s qualifications and determine whether the applicant must meet any examination and Quality Assurance Program requirements in order to be reinstated”.*

**Policy – Reinstatement of a Suspended Certificate of Registration as a Registered Optician**

The Registration Committee hereby sets the following criteria used in its evaluation of an applicant’s request for the reinstatement of his / her suspended certificate of registration as a Registered Optician.

The Registration Committee considers:

1. Years of applicant’s absence
2. Practical Knowledge (i.e. dispensing experience out of Ontario, teaching of dispensing, dispensing under supervision of an Ophthalmologist / Optometrist, clinical work / medical mission work, work as a technical advisor, etc.)
3. Proof of participation in continuing education activities (continuing education credits obtained in Ontario or other Canadian provinces / other jurisdictions, attendance at accredited or non-accredited opticianry related seminars, presentations, workshops, etc.)
4. Additional Information (special circumstances).

If the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of meeting criteria numbers 2 and 3, the Registration Committee has the option of directing a newly reinstated Optician to complete a “1<sup>st</sup> Year Enhanced Quality Assurance Process”. This involves the Optician obtaining a total of ten (10) continuing education credits within the first year after reinstatement. Once the enhanced Quality Assurance process is complete, the reinstated Optician will continue to follow their *original* three-year Quality Assurance cycle, based on the date they were first registered with the College of Opticians.

This reinstatement requirement ensures that the newly reinstated Opticians are fully engaged in the profession, including participation in the continuing education activities, as soon as their certificate of registration has been reinstated.

The applicant who has not met criteria numbers 2 and 3 will be required to sit an assessment test. The results of the test will be used by the Registration Committee to decide whether the applicant’s body of knowledge and practical skills in Opticianry are still at a high enough level to ensure knowledgeable and safe dispensing. In addition, the applicant will be required to provide all outstanding continuing education credits from the Quality Assurance cycle(s) the applicant has missed, before their application for the reinstatement of their certificate of registration as an Optician is approved.