



College of Optometrists of Ontario
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Proposed Amendments to the Existing Registration Regulation

On December 15, 2011, the Council of the College of Optometrists of Ontario approved for circulation proposed amendments to the existing Registration Regulation, O. Reg. 837/93 (as amended) made under the *Optometry Act, 1991*, for comments from members and other stakeholders.

The College of Optometrists of Ontario is responsible for registering qualified applicants who meet the requirements for registration. In order to ensure that the Registration Regulation meets the current needs of the College and treats all applicants and members in a fair and equitable manner, the Registration Committee proposed an updated Registration Regulation that was circulated for comment in October 2010, and again in May 2011.

Following discussions with stakeholders, including the government, it was deemed necessary to make the process more clear and concise by implementing two main “patches” in the *existing* Registration Regulation. One patch is related to academic qualifications for registration, and the other is to address the labour mobility provisions required under the Health Professions Procedural Code (Code), which is Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.

The proposed amendments are being circulated to members and other stakeholders for comment for a 60-day period, as required by the Code. In order to meet the June 1st deadline required for implementation of the labour mobility requirements, please be aware that the College has made a request to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for approval to abridge the circulation period in accordance with subsection 95(1.6) of the Code. Should approval be received, the College will provide notification to all stakeholders, including members. However, you are advised to send in your comments as soon as possible.

Here is a link to the [proposed amendments to the existing Registration Regulation](#).

Your feedback is important!

Using this [Feedback Form](#), please provide your comments in writing to Ms. Hanan Katerina Jibry, Director of Office and Membership Services, by **Friday, March 16, 2012**.

You may submit comments using e-mail (preferable), mail, or fax:

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