

Administrative Policy No: 010 AMENDED

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From: COUNCIL
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Re: Administrative Policy on Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

In order to provide consistency with the licensing provisions and to accommodate those applicants that are currently licensed or, have been licensed in another jurisdiction or, have graduated from a non-accredited institution and, require a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) to determine whether they meet Saskatchewan standards for licensure, the following administrative policy shall take effect immediately.

1. In accordance with the Regulatory bylaws, an applicant, must make application for licensing in Saskatchewan, prior to completing an application for a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR).
2. As a matter of policy, the PLAR is being offered to foreign applicants only. Canadian applicants are encouraged to register with any one of the accredited educational institutes approved by the NACOR.
3. In accordance with the regulations, only applicants that are going to be licensed in Saskatchewan are eligible for a Prior learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR). Individuals wishing to be licensed in Saskatchewan must first complete an application for licensing accompanied by the appropriate fees. The applicant may then complete an application for a PLAR, accompanied by the documents and information set out in the application, along with the appropriate fees for document assessment, and the PLAR. For ease of administration, properly completed applications for licensure and the PLAR, may be submitted together.

4. In addition to the applications for licensure and PLAR, applicants must also provide the college with a "***letter of intent to practice in Saskatchewan***", along with **the name and address of the Dispensary** where they will be working.

5. Applicants that qualify may be granted a restricted license to practice under supervision. Restricted licenses are granted on a prorated quarterly basis, and a one-time registration fee of \$100 is applicable on all first time applicants.

6. Appeals from a decision of the Registrar may be made in writing, within 30 days, to the council of the Saskatchewan College of Opticians.