

## **Administrative Policy No 13**

To: Council

From: Registrar and Regulations Committee

Date: July 27, 2020

Re: Administrative Policy for Graduate Students and Restricted License Requirements

In order to provide consistency with the licensing provisions for students that have graduated from an accredited EG or CL optical program, but have not challenged the NACOR examination for either EG or CL, the Council has approved the following administrative policy with regards to Section 9(1) of the Regulatory Bylaws and Section 12(3) of the Administrative Bylaws.

1. When a student member graduates from an accredited EG or CL optical program, a student license is no longer valid, and the member must, therefore, apply for a restricted optician license or restricted contact lens practitioner license in order to continue to practice under supervision or to be eligible to sit the NACOR examination.

Upon passing either the EG or CL NACOR examination, the member will receive a new optician license or contact lens practitioner license with all restrictions removed.

2. The restricted license fee for that year will be based on the pro-rated fees in effect at the time of licensing. Pro-rated fees are based on quarterly increments.
3. A restricted license to practice issued to a member shall remain in effect until the member has met the requirements for a practicing license or five years, whichever comes first.
4. Where a member has completed the accredited optical program and has not attempted the EG or CL NACOR examination for a period of three years, the member must complete a Competency Gap Analysis (CGA) and, if required, complete any assigned bridging modules. Upon successful completion of the CGA and bridging, permission shall be granted by Council to take the EG or CL NACOR examination.

**Passed by SCO Council July 27, 2020**