



Administrative Policy No. 13

Graduate Students and Restricted License Requirements

In order to provide consistency in licensing provisions for students who have graduated from an accredited Eye Glass (EG) or Contact Lens (CL) optical program, but have not challenged the National Alliance of Canadian Optician Regulators (NACOR) examination for either EG or CL, the Council has approved the following administrative policy with regard to Section 2(5) of the Regulatory Bylaws.

POLICY:

1. License Status After Graduation

Once a student registrant graduates from an accredited EG or CL program, their Student License becomes invalid. To continue practicing under supervision and to be eligible for the NACOR examination, the graduate **must** apply for either a *Restricted Optician License* or a *Restricted Contact Lens Practitioner License* within **14 days of graduation**.

- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that restricted licensees perform their duties appropriately.
- Upon successfully passing the EG or CL NACOR examination, all restrictions will be removed, and a new license will be issued as a Licensed Optician or Licensed Contact Lens Practitioner.

2. Documentation Requirement

Applicants must complete all required documentation within **14 days** to be eligible for the NACOR examination. Late submissions will result in late administration fees.

3. Restricted License Fees

Fees for restricted licenses will be prorated based on the quarter in which the license is issued, following the fee schedule in effect at that time.

4. License Duration

A restricted license remains valid under the following conditions:

- It must be renewed annually by the licensing deadline.
- It will remain in effect until the individual either:

- Meets all the requirements for a full practicing license, or
- Reaches three years from the date the restricted license was issued, whichever occurs first.

5. Examination Inactivity Beyond Three Years or Three Unsuccessful Attempts

If a graduate has not successfully passed the NACOR examination **within three years** of completing their accredited program **and/or** has attempted the exam **up to three times without success**, the following steps are required:

- Complete a **Competency Gap Analysis (CGA)**, and
- Complete any **assigned bridging modules**, if applicable.

After successfully fulfilling these requirements, the Council may grant approval to attempt the NACOR examination for a fourth and **final** time. If the NACOR examination is not successfully passed after the fourth and final attempt, the registrant’s status will be revoked from the College registry.

6. Transfers from Other Canadian Jurisdictions

Individuals transferring to Saskatchewan from another Canadian province must:

- Provide a **letter of good standing** from their current regulatory body, and
- Notify and complete the process of registration with the Saskatchewan College of Opticians (SCO) within **14 days** of relocation.

7. Appeals Process

If your registration application is not approved, you may appeal the decision by contacting the SCO Regulation and Registration Committee at:

 office@scoptic.ca

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