



College of Opticians of British Columbia  
Public Notice under s. 39.3 of the *Health Professions Act*

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**Location:** Chilliwack, BC

**Date of Action:** October 15, 2020

**Summary:** On October 15, 2020, the registrant entered into Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee. The agreement was made to address concerns related the registrant's lack of completing undertaking requirements in a timely manner. The registrant agreed to enter the undertaking in September 2019 which addressed concerns related to the registrant performing independent automated refractions (sight-tests) outside of their scope of practice.

The registrant voluntarily agreed to the following terms in the 2019 undertaking:

1. Submit a list of clients who received out of scope independent automated refractions to the College.
2. Issue a letter to all affected clients to inform them that the results of their refraction are invalid, and that they should seek an eye health examination.

During the period between September 26, 2019, and May 21, 2020, the registrant failed to comply with the undertaking obligations in a timely manner and/or by the deadline of May 21, 2020, imposed upon the registrant by direction of the Inquiry Committee

On October 15, 2020, the Inquiry Committee ordered that:

1. The registrant make payment of a fine to the College in the amount of \$500.00.
2. The registrant makes payment of the costs of the investigation process in the amount of \$500.00.
3. The College notify the public of the registrant's name, a description of the action taken, and the reasons for the action taken.