



Standard 9: Independent Automated Refraction

Applies to Opticianry

The College of Health and Care Professionals of BC was created on June 28, 2024 through the amalgamation of seven health regulatory colleges:

- College of Dietitians of British Columbia
- College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia
- College of Optometrists of British Columbia
- College of Opticians of British Columbia
- College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia
- College of Psychologists of British Columbia
- College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia

All current requirements for standards of clinical and ethical practice issued by the seven colleges remain in place upon amalgamation.

This document was created by the College of Opticians of British Columbia and will be updated to reflect the amalgamation.

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Related Standards of Practice

- Standard 3: Collaborative Care
- Standard 4: Cultural Safety, Cultural Humility, and Anti-Racism
- Standard 14: Record Keeping and Billing
- Standard 15: Communication and Marketing

Description

The optician obtains the applicable certification from COBC before performing independent automated refractions and adheres to the mandated criteria.

Expected Outcome

The client can expect that independent automated refraction services will be provided by an optician who is trained and certified to perform independent automated refractions safely and effectively.

Criteria

- 9.1 Be certified by COBC to conduct independent automated refractions.
- 9.2 Comply with the [Opticians Regulation](#) when conducting independent automated refractions.
- 9.3 Have access to the appropriate equipment to perform independent automated refractions, including one or more computerized components.
- 9.4 Before conducting an independent automated refraction, work with the client to complete the client notice forms required by the [bylaws](#) and obtain informed consent.
- 9.5 Document any referral or request to provide an independent automated refraction from a prescriber in the client record.
- 9.6 Communicate the fee for the independent automated refraction to the client prior to providing the service.
- 9.7 Ensure that all assessment records generated for use in preparing vision appliances are signed by an optician who is certified to perform independent automated refractions and retained in the client record.
- 9.8 Recommend that the client see a relevant regulated health care professional regarding any indications or complications in the client's visual or general health as observed during the independent automated refraction.
- 9.9 After completion of service, provide the client with a copy of the assessment record that:
 - a. Includes the pupillary distance.
 - b. Is free of charge.
- 9.10 Maintain the client record in accordance with Standard 14 and the [Opticians Regulation](#).