



Licensure FAQ

1. Does the College accept the NBEO for licensure?

If you graduated from a recognized school of optometry and completed the NBEO (Parts I, II, and III, including TMOD) between **September 13, 2009** and **March 12, 2025**, you are eligible for licensure in BC. If, as of March 12, 2025, you are already registered for any parts of the NBEO Exam, you will be able to complete the NBEO Exam process and the College will recognize your results for the purpose of licensure in BC. However, if, as of March 12, 2025, you were not already registered for any parts of the NBEO Exam, you will be required to provide evidence of passing the OEBC Exam as a licensure requirement. To learn more about this decision and transition provisions for applicants, read the [news story](#).

2. How long are Applications valid?

Applications are valid for 90 days from the date the application is received by the College. Applications not updated within 90 days will be withdrawn. You will have to resubmit a new application and pay the application and any applicable fees.

3. If an application is withdrawn, is any portion of the fee refundable?

No fee is refundable.

4. What if the requirements change after my application is submitted?

Applications will be reviewed under the [College Bylaws](#) in effect at the time of review. Should the requirements change, applicants will be expected to comply with the updated requirements.

5. Can identification documents be notarized outside of BC?

Yes, you may have your government issued photo IDs notarized outside of BC by a lawyer, notary public or other commissioner for taking oaths. Please ensure that any notarized documents are signed, dated and stamped with the seal of the lawyer, notary public, or other commissioner.

6. Do I need to have professional liability insurance if I'm not yet practising or will not be practising in BC?

Yes. Proof of professional liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2 million is a requirement for licensure. You may refer to Section 6.3 (page 32) of the [CHCPBC Bylaws](#) for further details regarding this requirement.



6. How do I complete the Criminal Record Check through the Criminal Records Review Program (the CRRP)?

To complete a criminal record check through the CRRP, send your request to the College through the [Contact Us](#) form. The College will provide you a secure link with an access code that will direct you to the online criminal record check application. See [Criminal Record Check](#) for details.

7. What do “OT” and “TMOD” mean in the application form?

OT – refers to Ocular Therapeutics is a component of the CACO/CSAO/OEBC.

TMOD – refers to Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease is a component of the NBEO.

8. Can I take the Jurisprudence Exam prior to finishing my OD program? While waiting for my OEBC/NBEO exam results?

No, you must fulfill all licensure requirements before you are eligible to take the Jurisprudence Exam. This includes successful completion of the OD program and the National Qualifying Examination. See [Requirements for New Graduates](#) for details.

9. Where and how often is the Jurisprudence Exam administered?

The Jurisprudence Exam is administered online and will be offered to applicant whose application is received and deemed acceptable by the College.

10. How long does it take to get the Jurisprudence Exam results?

As the Jurisprudence Exam is being administered online, the results will be available right after completing the exam.

11. How do I obtain a Letter of Good Standing from CHCPBC?

To obtain a Letter of Good Standing from CHCPBC, send your request to the College through the [Contact Us](#) form, specifying your name, profession, licence number and the recipient’s detail. The letter will be sent directly to the regulatory body.