



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 it will be accepted for licensure in BC until December 31, 2027.

As of March 12, 2025, if you are in a recognized program, will graduate in 2027 and are already registered for any parts of the NBEO Exam, you may complete the NBEO Exam process and the College will recognize your results for the purpose of licensure in BC, until December 31, 2027.

2. How long are Applications valid?

Applications are valid for 90 days from the date the application is received by the College.

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 If an application is withdrawn, is any portion of the fee refundable?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 regulations 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. 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 licensure@chcpbc.org. The College will provide you a secure link with an access code that will direct you to the online criminal record check application.

7. 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.

8. 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 licensure@chcpbc.org, specifying your name, profession, licence number and the recipient's detail. The letter will be sent directly to the regulatory body.