

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

VULNERABLE SECTOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Name: Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check

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Type: Licensing Requirements (LR)

Reference: Professional Bylaws

(3.3) To be eligible for licensure, an applicant must have the knowledge, skills and abilities that are substantially equivalent to the standards of academic or technical achievement and competencies as outlined in these bylaws:

(a) has demonstrated the applicant's skill and knowledge through an assessment in such form as may be established by the Council; or

(b) has demonstrated the applicant's skill and knowledge in an examination established or adopted by the Board of Examiners; or

(c) notwithstanding Section 3.1, an applicant may be granted an initial license to practice if the applicant can provide evidence establishing to the satisfaction of the Registrar that he/she is registered as the equivalent of an optometrist in good standing pursuant to the legislation of another province or territory in Canada; provides a satisfactory criminal record background check; successfully passes the designated Jurisprudence examination, and demonstrates that he/she has practiced optometry in a jurisdiction in Canada within the last three (3) years.

09.15.18 MOTION "For the SAO to make it a requirement of initial licensing for all applicants to provide a current and satisfactory criminal record check with a vulnerable sector check." CARRIED.

It is mandatory for an applicant to submit an original and satisfactory Canadian Vulnerable Sector Search Criminal Security Check with their initial license. The criminal record check must be current and produced no earlier than 60 days in advance of the projected license date. Photocopies will not be accepted.

If an applicant resides outside of Canada, they must produce a similar criminal check from the country they are presently residing in as well as a criminal check from any country they have lived in within the past five years.

Fees for obtaining this document from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) or the local Police Detachment is the responsibility of the applicant.