



**COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS  
OF ALBERTA**

**STRATEGIC PLAN  
2022-23**

## Vision

Our vision is that registered opticians offer quality patient care through safe, competent, and ethical practice.

We strive to achieve our vision through accountability and accessibility to the public and a commitment to progressive regulatory governance.

## Mission

Our mission is to protect the public through proactive regulation of registered opticians.

Our primary concern is patient health and safety. We protect the public by overseeing and regulating the opticianry profession in Alberta.

## Values

As we carry out our mission, we strive to embody our core values and use these values to guide our decision-making:

- **Accountability:** We hold ourselves accountable to the public and take responsibility for the practice of opticians in the province.
- **Ethicality:** We take the ethical responsibilities of health professionals seriously and ensure our conduct and the conduct of the profession are held to high standard.
- **Fairness:** We treat all stakeholders equally and with respect and are committed to operating with integrity, objectivity, and fair-mindedness.
- **Effectiveness:** We constantly strive to improve our effectiveness as a regulatory body and monitor trends and best practices in regulation to achieve our strategic objectives.
- **Openness:** We believe that fostering an open dialogue with stakeholders supports our performance and we encourage active participation in Council and committee meetings.
- **Transparency:** We commit to transparency for the public, registrants, and other stakeholders and make information about our activities and operations publicly available.

## Mandate

The Alberta Government delegates the power and authority for self-regulation to the College of Opticians of Alberta through the [\*Health Professions Act\*](#).

This legislation requires health professions to organize and carry out governance responsibilities in a manner that protects and serves the public interest. This mandate is a legislated responsibility privileged by the Alberta Government.

## Strategic Pillars

Our Council has established the following strategic pillars to guide the operations of the College:

- **Collaborative Care:** Opticians are often a patient's first touchpoint for eye care; the care opticians provide is in collaboration with other healthcare providers.
- **Public Awareness:** Opticians are healthcare professionals contributing to and improving Alberta's healthcare system.
- **Effective Governance:** Opticians self-regulate for the purpose of protecting and serving the public.