

International applicants that are applying for a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) may be accepted for admission where they have a combination of knowledge, skills, experience and abilities, which are, in the opinion of the Registration Committee, substantially equivalent to the requirements set out in the Bylaws for new applicants.

STEP 1 ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

***Please note: Prior to forwarding an assessment application, or any information, potential applicants must have completed a recent International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic with minimum scores of: Speaking (6.0); Listening (7.5); Reading (6.0); and writing (6.0).**

Potential applicants that have not taken the IELTS, may do so by registering with IELTS Saskatchewan at www.ieltssaskatchewan.ca. A potential applicant that has taken the IELTS Academic Assessment but has not achieved the minimum scores, will be required to improve their English skills to meet the minimum standards prior to submitting a PLAR application.

At present you are required to submit the following:

- ⇒ Current English IELTS Academic Assessment
- ⇒ Information on Previous Applications Form
- ⇒ Dispensing Experience and Fittings Form
- ⇒ Document Assessment Fee of \$215.00
- ⇒ The information and/or documents listed below:

Items for Assessment

1.1 Details of work experience

All information to be recorded on **Dispensing Experience & Fittings Form**

1.2 Transcripts of formal education

Include name and location of school, date of enrolment and graduation, grade achieved, course outlines and if the program is accredited in its jurisdiction provide the name of the accrediting agency

1.3 Examination

Have you successfully challenged a certification / licensure examination in Canada or in another country? If yes, provide the name of certifying agency, date of examination and mark achieved (must provide proof from the certifying agency)

1.4 Letters of personal reference and professional competence

Must be applicable to Opticianry, match details of work experience and be verifiable

1.5 Letter of registration or licensure

Are you registered or licensed in Canada or in another country? If yes, provide a letter from the regulatory organization. It must include the name of the regulatory organization, the location, your class of standing, status, expiration and a notation of any disciplinary action.

STEP 2 ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

2.1 Competency Gap Analysis (CGA)

2.2 Interview

After the assessment of application has taken place you will be required to complete a competency gap analysis (CGA) and an interview. The CGA and interview are tools used to assess the competencies of an applicant. These tools will assist in identifying any gaps in learning that may require additional education. The cost of each assessment is \$650.00 per practice area (opticianry, contact lens practice).

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORMS AND FEES TO:
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