

EYEGLOSS AND CONTACT LENSES PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING REGULATIONS BY PROVINCE

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	GLASSES	CONTACT LENSES
<p>British Columbia^{i,ii}</p>	<p>A patient may obtain an eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. A patient may also obtain specifications for eye glasses from a sight testing optician. Both the optical prescription and sight test results must include a measurement of the interpupillary distance. The patient can either use the eye glass prescription or the sight test specifications to purchase eyeglasses anywhere that eyeglasses are available. Dispensing is deregulated in British Columbia.</p>	<p>A patient must have an optical prescription or specifications from a sight test to initiate a CL fitting. A patient must have an initial CL fitting done by an optometrist, physician, ophthalmologist, or optician who is a contact lens fitter. Initial CLs for fitting may only be dispensed by the above regulated professionals. CL fitting and dispensing of CLs for fitting may also be performed by other individuals under the supervision of an optometrist. CLs can be dispensed indefinitely by anyone including internet CL sites, as long as information contained in a contact lens record is provided.</p>
<p>Albertaⁱⁱⁱ</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Alberta. Optometry students or students enrolled in eyeglass dispensing programs may also dispense eyeglasses under the supervision of an optometrist or optician. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. After completing all services required to dispense CLs, regulated professionals must offer the patient a written copy of the specifications of the contact lenses. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in Alberta. Optometry students or</p>

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Saskatchewan ^{iv,v}	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Saskatchewan. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient. Trained staff members under the supervision of an optometrist may complete the fitting of eyeglasses.	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in Saskatchewan.
Manitoba ^{vi,vii}	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Manitoba. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to

		dispense CLs in Manitoba.
Ontario ^{viii, ix}	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Ontario. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in Ontario.
Quebec ^{x, xi}	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Quebec. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.	A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in Quebec.

<p>New Brunswick^{xii, xiii}</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in New Brunswick. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or by an optician with a special qualification to fit and dispense CLs. Students registered to become CL fitters may fit CLs under the supervision of a registered CL fitter optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in New Brunswick.</p>
<p>Nova Scotia^{xiv, xv}</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Nova Scotia. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician, optician with a special contact lens qualification, or student optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in Nova Scotia.</p>

<p>Prince Edward Island^{xvi}</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Prince Edward Island. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or optician with special contact lens qualification. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in Prince Edward Island.</p>
<p>Newfoundland and Labrador^{xvii,xviii}</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, physician or ophthalmologist. The patient then can use that prescription to buy eyeglasses from a regulated dispensing professional. Optometrists, physicians, ophthalmologists and opticians are regulated to dispense eyeglasses in Newfoundland and Labrador. Eye glasses must be verified to match the prescription and they must be physically fitted to the patient.</p>	<p>A patient must have a valid eye glass prescription from an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or physician to initiate a CL fitting. A CL fitting is then performed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician or optician. Once the fitting process is complete, a CL prescription is determined. A patient may purchase CLs from a licensed CL dispenser. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, physicians or opticians are regulated to dispense CLs in Newfoundland and Labrador.</p>

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- i [British Columbia Opticians Regulation](#)
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 - iii [Alberta Health Professions Act](#)
 - iv [Saskatchewan Opticians Act](#)
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 - vi [Manitoba Opticians Act](#)
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 - viii [Ontario Opticianry Act](#)
 - ix [Ontario Optometry Act](#)
 - x [Quebec Dispensing Optician Act](#)
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 - xvi [PEI Dispensing Opticians Act](#)
 - xvii [NL Dispensing Opticians Act](#)
 - xviii [NL Optometry Act](#)