ALBERTA COLLEGE AND ASSOCIATION OF OPTICIANS

Code of Ethics

It shall be the IDEAL, the RESOLVE and the DUTY of each Optician to act in accordance with the following principles:

1. To keep the welfare of my customer / patient uppermost at all times, and shall continuously enhance my educational and technical proficiency in order that my customers / patients might receive the benefits of all acknowledged improvements in ophthalmic care.

2. To render my services to all my customers / patients with equal diligence, respect and without discrimination.

3. To hold in strict confidence all information acquired in the course of the professional relationship with my customer / patient, and shall not divulge any such information unless expressly authorized by my customer / patient, or by the Optician’s Standards of Practice.

4. To assist in maintaining the integrity of the profession, shall contribute to, and participate in its activities. I shall encourage and support the education of all individuals in the profession.

5. To foster good relationships among all health care professionals and in particular members of the ophthalmic professions, in order to facilitate inter-professional relationships and referrals for the benefit of my customer / patient.

6. To be professionally responsible for all services rendered by me and those under my supervision.

7. To practice in accordance with the Opticians Profession Regulation and the Health Professions Act, and always within limitations of my level of competence.

8. To be diligent in application of the standards of infection prevention and control.