

General Optical Council
Application for a Certificate of Current Professional Status

Section 1 – Important information

The General Optical Council (GOC) issues Certificates of Current Professional Status on behalf of registrants who are applying for registration with an overseas optical regulatory body. The Certificate of Current Professional Status provides confirmation for the overseas regulator that you are qualified and registered with the GOC, and provides information on any past sanctions that have been applied following a fitness to practise investigation.

The Certificate of Current Professional Status is valid for three months from the date of issue.

Completed application forms should be returned to:

Certificates of Current Professional Status
General Optical Council
41 Harley Street
London
W1G 8DJ
United Kingdom

We aim to process applications for a Certificate of Current Professional Status within 5 working days of receipt of a correctly completed application form. If you require urgent processing of your form, please contact the GOC Registration Department. We regret that we cannot accept electronic copies of this application form, as we require an original signature. However, we will accept scanned or faxed completed applications. If you intend to email or fax your completed application, or have any other questions about your application, please contact the Registration Department:

Email goc@optical.org
Telephone +44 (0)20 7580 3898, option 1, Mon to Thu 09.00-17.00, Fri 09.00-16.45

Section 2 – Individual contact details

Please complete all fields in this section clearly. Please supply an email address and/or phone number where we can contact you to discuss your application.

Title Surname(s)

First Name(s)

GOC Registration Number

Date of birth

Phone

Email

If you require a copy of the Certificate of Current Professional Status to be posted to you, please supply your address details below. We regret that we are unable to provide you with an electronic copy of the Certificate of Current Professional Status.

Full address

Town

County

Country (If not UK)

Post code

Section 3 – Overseas regulatory body details

Please supply the full name and postal address of the regulatory body to which the Certificate of Current Professional Status should be posted. Please include a contact addressee where possible.

This section of the application form must be completed – a Certificate of Current Professional Status will not be issued unless an address for an overseas regulator is provided.

If you also require a copy of the Certificate of Current Professional Status to be emailed or faxed to the overseas regulator, for instance to meet an application deadline, please also supply those details below.

Name of regulatory body

Full address

Town

County

Country

Post code

Email

Fax

Section 4 – Declaration

The Certificate of Current Professional Status will contain information that is not publicly available. In order for us to release this information to the overseas regulator, we require the following declaration section to be completed and signed in order to process your application. Your application will not be processed if a valid signature and date is not provided.

1. I acknowledge that the Certificate of Current Professional Status will contain the following information about my current and past GOC registration and fitness to practise status:
 - Full registered name
 - GOC registration number
 - Date of birth
 - Gender
 - Registered qualifications and specialties
 - Registered address
 - Date of first registration and full registration history, including details of any previous removals from and restorations to the register
 - Current registration status
 - Full fitness to practise history, including details of any previous adverse findings and current investigations (details of past investigations that did not result in an adverse finding will not be included).
2. I give consent to the disclosure of the above information to the regulatory body named in this application.
3. I understand that, under Registration Rule 22, while registered with the GOC I am required to notify the Council forthwith of any changes to, or errors in, the information I have previously supplied in relation to my GOC registration, or any new information relevant to my registration status. This includes information in relation to declarations of criminal or disciplinary proceedings and adverse mental or physical health that may affect my fitness to practise. Registrants failing to provide relevant information may be removed from the register. If you wish to declare new information before completing this application, please contact the GOC Registration Department.
4. I declare that the information I have provided in this application for a Certificate of Current Professional Status is complete, true and accurate.

Signed

Date
