

THE COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Pursuant to the provisions of the Health Professions Act, R.S. B.C. 1996,
chapter 183, as amended (the “Act”)

BETWEEN:

The College of Opticians of British Columbia

AND

Tom Hoedeman

ORDER OF THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE

1. On October 1, 2019, the College of Opticians of British Columbia (the “**College**”) authorized the issuance of a citation for hearing by the Discipline Committee as against Tom Hoedeman (the “**Registrant**”), attached hereto as Schedule “A”.
2. The Inquiry Committee of the College of Opticians met on September 30, 2020, to consider a written proposal made by the Registrant, under section 37.1 of the *Act* (the “**Proposal**”).
3. The Inquiry Committee accepts the following admissions of the Registrant, as set out in the Proposal:
 - (a) On September 26, 2019, the Inquiry Committee (the “**Committee**”) of the College of Opticians of British Columbia (the “**College**”) resolved a complaint against Tom Hoedeman (the “**Registrant**”) by way of an Undertaking (the “**Undertaking**”).
 - (b) Pursuant to the Undertaking, the Registrant agreed to comply with the *Health Professions Act, Opticians Regulation, College Bylaws, Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics* and not to repeat the conduct that was the subject of the complaint which resulted in the Undertaking. The Registrant also agreed:
 - a. to submit a list to the College of patients who had received an independent automated refraction, while they were outside the scope of eligibility for a refraction as listed in the *Opticians Regulation*; and
 - b. to issue a letter to all the affected patients to inform them that the results of their refraction must be considered invalid, and that they should seek an eye health examination(the “**Obligations**”).
 - (c) During the period between September 26, 2019 and May 21, 2020, the Registrant failed to comply with the Obligations in a timely manner and/or by the deadline of May 21,

2020, imposed upon the Registrant by direction of the Inquiry Committee pronounced May 7, 2020.

On the basis of the facts and admissions set out above, the Inquiry Committee orders that:

4. The Registrant will make payment of a fine to the College in the amount of \$500.00, pursuant to sections 37.1(1)(b) and 39(2)(f) of the *Act* (the “**Fine**”), by no later than 4:00 pm on November 30, 2020.
5. The Registrant will make payment of the costs of the investigation process in the amount of \$500.00, pursuant to section 37.1(1)(c) of the *Act* (the “**Investigation Costs**”), by no later than 4:00 pm on November 30, 2020.
6. The College notify the public of the Registrant’s name, a description of the action taken, and the reasons for the action taken, pursuant to sections 39.3(1)(c) and (2) of the *Act*.

This Order is approved as to form and content, and issued under section 37(3) of the *Act*, this October 15, 2020.

By the Chair of the Inquiry Committee:

