

## OPTOMETRIST AND OPTICIAN INITIAL REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

The following list identifies what supplemental documentation is required for initial registration.

Additional information pertaining to registration policies and procedures can be found in the applicable *Registration Guidelines* document published by the relevant Statutory Board or Council. Please refer to the Health Council’s Health Professional Registration page for links to the Statutory Bodies *Registration Guidelines* documents.

Supplemental documentation **must** be uploaded and attached to your online application, unless otherwise specified below.

Documentation	Relevant Profession(s)	Notes
Initial Application Form	All	<a href="https://cognitofrms.com">Health Professional Initial Registration Application (cognitofrms.com)</a>
Proof of Eligibility to Work in Bermuda	All	Letter of Employment (for potential guest workers), Bermuda passport copy with stamp, spousal letter, permanent residency card, valid work permit, etc.
Registration Fee Payment	All	The fee for initial registration is \$380 and must be paid online when submitting the initial registration application.
Proof of identification	All	<b>Notarized</b> copy of passport or birth certificate.
Proof of true likeness	All	Provide a digital head shot photo. You can take yourself, as long as image of likeness is clear.
Resume/C.V.	All	Must reflect most up-to-date information
Two Letters of Professional Reference	All	All references must be current (dated within the last 12 months) and on an official letterhead.
Certificate of Professional Education (COPE)	All	COPE form <b>must</b> be completed and sent directly to <a href="mailto:professions@healthcouncil.bm">professions@healthcouncil.bm</a> from the institution where professional educational qualifications were obtained. ( <a href="#">Link</a> )
Certificate of Professional Standing (COPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visiting optometrist and opticians applying for work permit</li> <li>Optometrist and opticians licensed or registered outside of Bermuda.</li> </ul>	Evidence pertaining to your professional standing in any jurisdiction in which you are licensed or registered is required. Evidence may be attached to your application or emailed to <a href="mailto:professions@healthcouncil.bm">professions@healthcouncil.bm</a> from the relevant regulatory authority.

Professional Certification	Where applicable	Proof of certification in any area of specialization.
Name change verification documentation	Where applicable	Only required if name changed and differs on application and supporting documentation. Copy must be <b>notarized</b> .
Proof of competency to practice.	Where applicable	Refer to the applicable Registration Guidelines document for specific requirements.