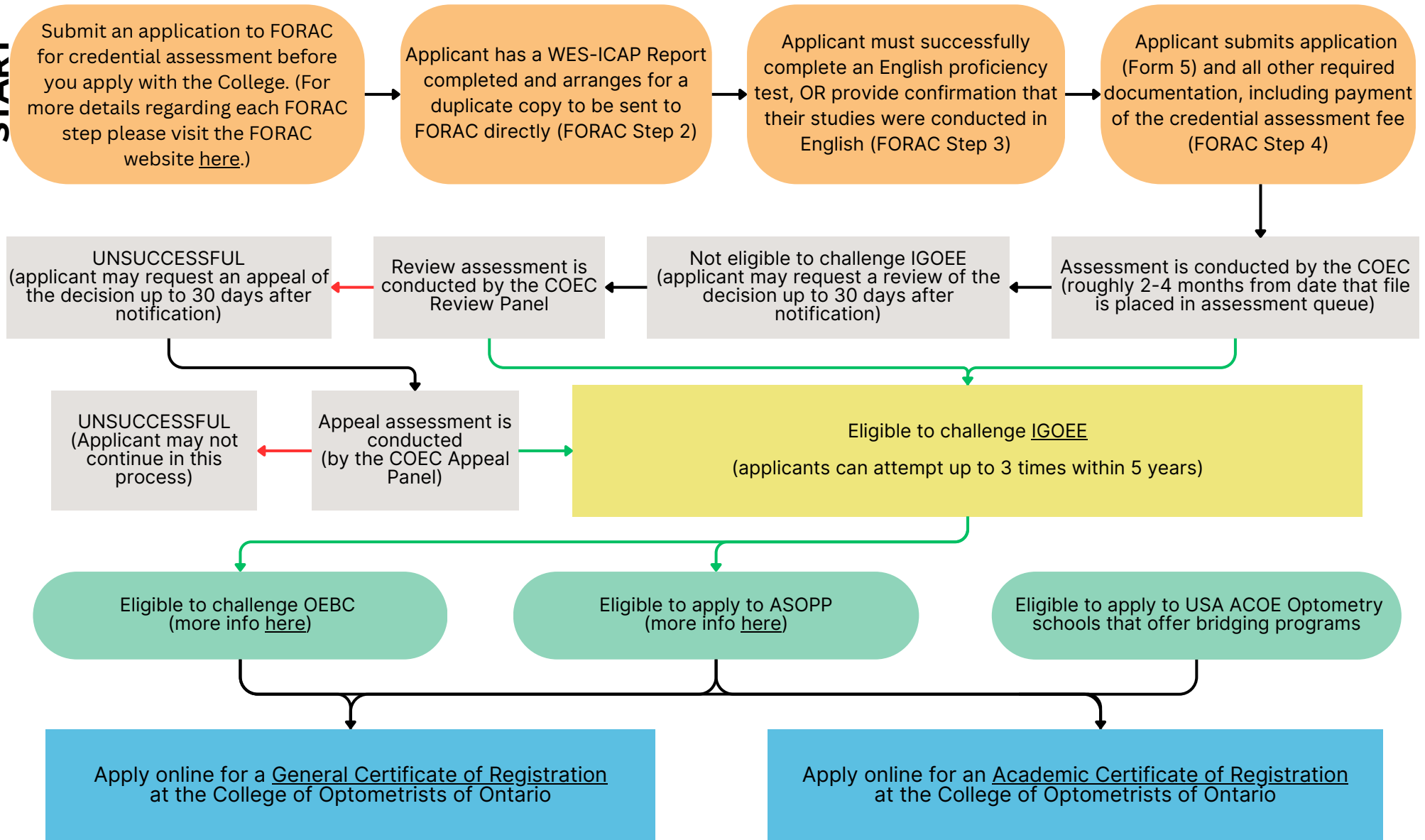




# Pre-Registration Flowchart for International Optometric Graduates

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**Legend/Terminology:**

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Description</b>
ASOPP	Advanced Standing Optometry Preparatory Program	Advanced standing preparatory program at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science which began in April 2022. Upon completion, students earn a Doctor of Optometry degree after completing several months of bridging followed by years 3 and 4 of the Doctor of Optometry program. Currently, the program only accepts 6 candidates.
FORAC - FAROC	Federation of Optometric Regulatory Authorities of Canada	Comprised of 10 national optometric regulators. IOGs initiate the pre-registration process through FORAC.
IGOEE	Internationally Graduated Optometrist Evaluating Exam	Developed and administered by Touchstone Institute
IOGs	International Optometry Graduates	Optometry graduates who have received their education outside North America
IOBP	International Optometric Bridging Program	A program to assist international graduates in meeting the academic equivalency requirement for registration that was offered by the University of Waterloo in the past.
OD	Doctor of Optometry Degree	Optometrists' professional degree in North America
OFC	Office of the Fairness Commissioner of Ontario	The OFC ensures that certain regulated professions in Ontario have registration practices that are transparent, objective, impartial, and fair
WOVS	University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science	The only school of optometry in Canada that provides education in English. Accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE). Graduates are granted an OD degree. Also has Masters and PhD programs.