



Registration Pathways – Accredited Qualifications

Pathway 1 – ‘Optometrist’

Registration in the Optometrist Scope of Practice.

Prescribed Qualifications

- Bachelor of Optometry, Auckland University, New Zealand (conferred 2006 onwards)
- Bachelor of Vision Science & Master of Optometry, Deakin University, Australia
- Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry, Flinders University, Australia
- Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
- Doctor of Optometry, University of Melbourne, Australia
- The applicant holds the qualification Bachelor of Optometry/Bachelor of Science awarded by the University of New South Wales before 2021 (conferred 2010 onwards), or the qualification Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Clinical Optometry awarded by the University of New South Wales from 2018
- A pass in both the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) Competency in Optometry Examination (COE) and the Assessment of Competence in Ocular Therapeutics (ACOT)
- A pass in both the OCANZ COE and a pass in an OCANZ-accredited ocular therapeutics qualification. These qualifications currently include:
 - Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics, Australian College of Optometry, Australia
 - Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
 - Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics, University of New South Wales, Australia.

Pathway 2 - ‘Optometrist Educator’

Registration pathway for those who do not have one of the Pathway 1 qualifications, who will be working solely in an educational institution, and who have not yet completed post-graduate education in ocular therapeutics.

Registration in the Optometrist Scope of Practice, with a condition applied that indicates the practitioner may only practise in an educational institution and is prohibited from prescribing medicines.

Prescribed Qualifications

1. the applicant holds BAppSc (Optometry) or BSc (Optometry) from the University of Melbourne;

Or

2. the applicant holds a listed (non-bridging) qualification from one of the schools of optometry in the United Kingdom listed below:
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry or BSc/BSc Hons in Ophthalmic Optics, University of Aston
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry (Ophthalmic Optics) or BSc/BSc Hons in Ophthalmic Optics, University of Bradford
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry, Cardiff University
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry or BSc/BSc Hons in Ophthalmic Optics, University of Wales College of Cardiff
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry or BSc/BSc Hons in Ophthalmic Optics, The City University London
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry or BSc/BSc Hons in Ophthalmic Optics, Glasgow Caledonian University
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry or BSc/BSc Hons in Ophthalmic Optics, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology
 - Bachelor of Optometry, Anglia Polytechnic University
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Optometry, University of Ulster
 - BSc/BSc Hons in Ophthalmic Optics, University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology

AND

the applicant has passed the Pre-registration year and Professional Qualifying Examination conducted by the College of Optometry or its equivalent within a four-year degree;

Or

3. the applicant holds a Doctor of Optometry qualification from one of the schools of optometry in the United States of America and Canada listed below:
 - Illinois College of Optometry
 - Indiana University
 - Inter American University of Puerto Rico
 - Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
 - New England College of Optometry
 - Northeastern State University
 - Nova Southeastern University
 - The Ohio State University
 - Pacific University
 - Pennsylvania College of Optometry
 - Southern California College of Optometry
 - Southern College of Optometry
 - State University of New York
 - University of Alabama at Birmingham
 - University of California, Berkeley
 - University of Missouri, St. Louis
 - University of Houston

- University of Waterloo
- University of Montreal;

Or

4. the applicant holds a BSc Hons (Optometry) from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Pathway 3 – ‘Optometrist Educator - Prescriber’

Registration in the Optometrist Scope of Practice, with a condition applied that indicates the practitioner may only practice in an educational institution.

Registration pathway for those who have one of the Pathway 2 qualifications, who will be working solely in an educational institution, and who *have* completed post-graduate education in ocular therapeutics.

- the applicant holds a prescribed qualification listed under ‘Pathway 2’ above

AND

- the applicant has completed a Board-accredited therapeutics qualification.

Pathway 4 – ‘Provisional’

Registration in the Provisional Optometrist Scope of Practice, with a condition applied that indicates the practitioner must practise under supervision and is in the process of completing Board-accredited training to prescribe therapeutic medicines.

Registration pathway for those who have a pass in the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) Competency in Optometry Examination, and who are in the process of completing a Board-accredited therapeutics qualification.

Prescribed Qualification

- A pass in the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) Competency in Optometry Examination.

Pathway 5 – ‘Dispensing Optician’

Registration in the Dispensing Optician Scope of Practice.

Prescribed Qualifications

- The applicant holds the qualification Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing, awarded by the New South Wales Technical and Further Education Commission, or proof of eligibility to graduate from this course, and has submitted a completed and signed record of training book showing evidence of the completion of a minimum of 800 hours of practical experience as specified in the record of training book, within two years of qualification or a period otherwise approved by the Board; **or**
- The applicant holds the qualification Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing (conferred on or after 31 May 2009), awarded by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, or proof of eligibility to graduate from this course, has completed the ‘Perform Edge and Fit’ module as part of the

qualification, and has submitted a completed and signed record of training book showing evidence of the completion of a minimum of 800 hours of practical experience as specified in the record of training book, within two years of qualification or a period otherwise approved by the Board; **or**

- The applicant holds the qualification Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing, awarded by the Australasian College of Optical Dispensing, or proof of eligibility to graduate from this course, and has submitted a completed and signed record of training book showing evidence of the completion of a minimum of 800 hours of practical experience as specified in the Board's record of training book, within two years of qualification or a period otherwise approved by the Board; **or**
- The applicant holds the qualification FBDO (UK); **or**
- The applicant holds the qualification FBDO (Overseas), and has submitted a completed and signed record of training book showing evidence of the completion of a minimum of 800 hours of practical experience, within two years of qualification or a period otherwise approved by the Board (Pathway 5 – “Dispensing Optician”); **or**
- The applicant has passed an optical dispensing examination approved by the board (Pathway 5 – “Dispensing Optician”).

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