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OCANZ-ACCREDITED COURSES

To be eligible for **general registration**, the Council of Optometry Registration Authorities (CORA) has agreed that an applicant must have completed an undergraduate course accredited by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ).

Section 1 lists the OCANZ-accredited undergraduate optometry courses.

Applicants for general registration who trained as an optometrist outside Australia or New Zealand must provide evidence of successful completion of the examination conducted by OCANZ, known as the Competency in Optometry Examination (information and application forms available at www.ocanz.org)

CORA has also agreed that applicants seeking registration board **approval for therapeutic practice** (in jurisdictions where this is permitted) should have successfully completed OCANZ-accredited training in ocular therapeutics.

Section 2 lists the undergraduate and postgraduate training in ocular therapeutics that has been accredited by OCANZ.

Section 1. OCANZ-accredited undergraduate optometry courses for general registration

OCANZ has accredited the training leading to the qualifications in optometry listed below. Applicants holding a qualification listed below may apply for general registration.

OCANZ –accredited status is subject to there being no major changes to the course and subject to submission by the School/Department of satisfactory annual reports.

- BOptom from The University of Melbourne, Department of Optometry & Vision Sciences (next scheduled accreditation site visit 2014)
- BAppSci(Optom) from Queensland University of Technology, School of Optometry (next scheduled accreditation site visit 2014)
- BOptom from The University of Auckland, Department of Optometry & Vision Science (next scheduled accreditation site visit 2009)
- BOptom from The University of New South Wales, School of Optometry & Vision Science (next scheduled accreditation site visit 2011)

Section 2. OCANZ-accredited training in ocular therapeutics

OCANZ has accredited the postgraduate courses in ocular therapeutics conducted by each of the four Schools/Departments of Optometry in Australia and New Zealand. OCANZ has also accredited the therapeutics training within the undergraduate courses at the universities of Auckland and Melbourne.

Applicants (including those educated outside Australia or New Zealand) seeking registration board **approval for therapeutic practice** (in jurisdictions where this is permitted) must hold a qualification listed below.

Undergraduate courses

The therapeutics training within the following **undergraduate** optometry courses has been accredited by OCANZ:

- BOptom from The University of Melbourne, Department of Optometry & Vision Sciences (2006 graduates and onwards; next scheduled accreditation site visit 2014)
- BOptom from The University of Auckland, Department of Optometry & Vision Science (2006, 2007 and 2008 graduates only; undergraduate program scheduled for re-assessment in 2009)

Postgraduate courses in ocular therapeutics

The postgraduate therapeutics courses at the following universities have been granted accredited status by OCANZ. Accredited status is subject to there being no major changes to the course and subject to submission of satisfactory evaluation reports at the completion of each course.

- Postgraduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics from The University of Melbourne, Department of Optometry & Vision Sciences (accreditation granted by the Optometrists Registration Board of Victoria 2001-2005; OCANZ accreditation granted in 2006; next scheduled re-assessment 2013)
- Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics from Queensland University of Technology, School of Optometry (accreditation granted in 2006; next scheduled re-assessment 2013)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Science (including OPTOM 781, 784, 787A&B), previously known as The Auckland Programme In Ocular Therapeutics (TAPIOT) from The University of Auckland, Department of Optometry & Vision Science (accreditation granted in 2006; next scheduled re-assessment 2013)
- Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics from The University of New South Wales, School of Optometry & Vision Science (accreditation granted in 2007; next scheduled re-assessment 2014)

(To be reviewed in October 2009)