

Appendix B: Overseas Optometry Qualifications allowing direct admission to the Competency in Optometry Examination

Applicants with a qualification listed below are eligible to sit for the Competency in Optometry Examination.

1. United Kingdom

A degree in optometry (ophthalmic optics) from one of the institutions approved by the General Optical Council of the United Kingdom obtained on or after 1 January 1965 and successful completion of the pre-registration year and professional examinations conducted by the College of Optometrists.

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
Anglia Ruskin University	2000 -	BOptometry (BOptom)
University of Aston	95-	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	65-94	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ophthalmic Optics
	65-94	Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Optics
	95-2023	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
University of Bradford	Current	Master of Optometry (MOptom)
	82-	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry (Ophthalmic Optics)
	82-	Bachelor of Science in Optometry (Ophthalmic Optics)
	68-84	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ophthalmic Optics
	68-84	Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Optics
Cardiff University	Current	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	95	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	95-2023	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
University of Wales College of Cardiff	Current	Master of Optometry (MOptom)
	93-94	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	93-94	Bachelor of Science in Optometry

	89-92	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ophthalmic Optics
	89-92	Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Optics
	Current	Course not offered
University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology	66-88	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ophthalmic Optics
	66-88	Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Optics
	Current	Course not offered.
The City University (London)	86-	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	86-	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
	65-85	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ophthalmic Optics
	65-85	Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Optics
	85-2023	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	Current	Master of Optometry (MOptom with Hons)
Glasgow Caledonian University	90-	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	90-	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
	71-89	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ophthalmic Optics
	71-89	Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Optics
	Current	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
Plymouth University	2014-2023	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	Current	Master of Optometry with Honours (MOptom with Hons)
University of Central Lancashire	2023-	Master of Optometry (MOptom)
University of Hertfordshire	2015-Current	Master of Optometry (MOptom)
University of Huddersfield	2023-	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
University of Ulster	98	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry

	98-2023	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	Current	Master of Optometry (MOptom)
University of Manchester	93-	Bachelor of Science in Optometry Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry
	67-95	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ophthalmic Optics
	67-95	Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Optics
	95-2026	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
	2028 -	Master of Science in Optometry
University of the West of England	2018 -	Bachelor of Science in Optometry

2. Republic of Ireland

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualifications
Dublin Institute of Technology	1998 -	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Optometry

3. United States of America and Canada

Qualification and training in the United States of America or in Canada at an institution accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education and graduation from such institution on or after 1 January 1966;

Canada

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
University of Montreal, Ecole d'Optometrie, Montreal	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
University of Waterloo, School of Optometry, Waterloo	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry

United States of America

Ferris State University Michigan, College of Optometry, Big Rapids, Michigan	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Indiana University, School of Optometry, Bloomington	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry

Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry	85-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, School of Optometry	2023-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry	2013-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Midwestern University Chicago, College of Optometry		Degree of Doctor in Optometry
New England College of Optometry, Boston		Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry, Tahlequah	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry, Fort Lauderdale	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
The Ohio State University, College of Optometry, Columbus	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Pacific University, College of Optometry, Forest Grove	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Elkins Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Southern California College of Optometry, Fullerton, Los Angeles	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Southern College of Optometry, Memphis	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
State University of New York, State College of Optometry, New York	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, Birmingham	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
University of Houston, College of Optometry, Houston	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
University of Missouri, St Louis, College of Optometry,	66-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry

University of the Incarnate Word Rosenbeg School of Optometry	2013-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry
University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Optometry		Degree of Doctor in Optometry
Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry	2013-	Degree of Doctor in Optometry

4. South Africa

Qualification and training in South Africa from the following institutions and graduation from such institutions on or after 1 January, 1980.

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
Rand Afrikaans University (now University of Johannesburg)	67-04	Degree of Bachelor of Optometry
University of Johannesburg	2005-	Degree Bachelor of Optometry Baccalaureus Technologiae in Optometry
Technikon Witwatersrand	1980- 2005	Diploma in Optometry
University of Durban-Westville (now University of KwaZulu Natal)	1980- 2004	Degree of Bachelor of Optometry
University of KwaZulu Natal	2004-	Degree Bachelor of Optometry
University of the Free State	2005-	Degree of Bachelor of Optometry

5. India

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
Alagappa University	2010 -	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
Amity University	2018 -	Bachelor of Clinical Optometry
Birla Institute of Technology & Science/ Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry	2000 -	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
Bharati Vidyapeeth University	2004 -	Bachelor of Clinical Optometry
Bharathiar University	2016 -	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
Hari Joyt College of Optometry	2018 -	Bachelor of Optometry
Indira Sandhi National Open University	2011 -	Bachelor of science in Optometry and Ophthalmic Techniques
Kerala University of Health Sciences	2010 -	Bachelor of Optometry

Manipal College of Health Science	2007 -	Bachelor of Optometry
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology	2016 -	Bachelor of Optometry
Nagar School of Optometry, Gujarat University	2017 -	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences	2016 -	Bachelor of Science in Optometry
West Bengal University of Technology	2007 - 2014	Bachelor of Optometry

6. Hong Kong

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1994 -	Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry

7. Philippines

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
Centro Escolar University	1998 -	Doctor of Optometry

8. Nigeria

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
Abia State University	1997 -	Doctor of Optometry
IMO State University	2009 -	Doctor of Optometry
University of Benin	1993 -	Doctor of Optometry

9. Pakistan

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
King Edward Medical University	2010 -	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Vision Science (Optometry)
University of Faisalabad	2017 -	Doctor of Optometry

10. Nepal

Name of Institution	Dates	Qualification
Tribhuvan University	2007 -	Bachelor of Optometry