

**QUALIFICATIONS****QUALIFICATIONS APPROVED AS A BASIS FOR REGISTRATION***Short  
description  
in Register***Qualifications as Ophthalmic Opticians**

Membership of the College of Optometrists †	MCOptom
University of Manchester (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology) † †	MOptom

*Qualifications no longer awarded:*

The Foundation Fellowship of the College of Optometrists †	FCOptom
The Professional Qualifying Examination of the British College of Optometrists	— —
The Fellowship Diploma of the British Optical Association	FBOA
The Higher or Honours Diploma of the British Optical Association	FBOA;HD
The Fellowship in Ophthalmic Optics of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	FSMC
The Higher Diploma in Ophthalmic Optics of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	SMHD
<i>[Holders of the Honours Diploma of the Company, discontinued in 1950, are described as</i>	<i>FSMC(Hons)]</i>
The Fellowship Diploma of the Scottish Association of Opticians	FSAO
The Diploma in Ophthalmic Optics of the British College of Ophthalmic Opticians	Dopt

**Qualifications as Dispensing Opticians**

The qualifications for ophthalmic opticians listed above *and*.

The Fellowship Diploma of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians	FBDO
The Honours Fellowship Diploma of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians	FBDO (Hons)

*Qualifications no longer awarded:*

The Fellowship Diploma of the Association of Dispensing Opticians	FADO
The Honours Fellowship Diploma of the Association of Dispensing Opticians	FADO (Hons)
The Dispensing Certificate of the British Optical Association	BOA (Disp)
The Diploma in Dispensing Optics of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	SMC (Disp)
The Foundation Fellowship of the Faculty of Dispensing Opticians	FFDO
The Fellowship of the Faculty of Dispensing Opticians	FFDO
The Membership of the Faculty of Dispensing Opticians	MFDO

**SPECIALITY OPTICAL ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS  
INCLUDED IN THE REGISTER***Short  
description  
in Register***Qualifications**

The Diploma in Therapeutics (Additional Supply) of the College of Optometrists	DipTp (AS)
The Diploma in Therapeutics (Supplementary Prescribing) of the College of Optometrists	DipTp (SP)

The Contact Lens Diploma of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians:	
For those persons who are Fellows of the Association	FBDO Hons(CL)
For other persons	CL (ABDO)
The Contact Lens Certificate of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians	FBDO (CL)

*Qualifications no longer awarded::*

The Contact Lens Diploma of the Association of Dispensing Opticians:	
For persons who are Fellows of the Association	FADO(Hons) CL
For other persons	CL(ADO)

**OTHER OPTICAL ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTER**

*Short description  
in Register*

**Qualifications**

The Fellowship of the College of Optometrists (by assessment)	FCOptom
The Diploma in Contact Lens Practice of the College of Optometrists	DipCLP
The Diploma in Ocular Conditions of the College of Optometrists	DipOC
The Diploma in Orthoptics of the College of Optometrists	DipOrth
The Diploma in Rehabilitation of Visual Impairment of the College of Optometrists	DipRVI
The Diploma in Glaucoma of the College of Optometrists	DipGlau
The Diploma in Geometric Optics of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians	FBDO(Hons)DGO
The Low Vision Aids Diploma of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians:	
For persons who are Fellows of the Association	FBDO(Hons)LVA
For other persons	ABDO(Hons)LVA
A First or Higher Degree relevant to Optics	BSc, MSc, MSc (Tech), PhD, BOptom, etc. as appropriate
Fellowship of the American Academy of Optometry	FAAO

*Qualifications no longer awarded:*

The Diploma in Contact Lens Practice of the College of Optometrists †	DCLP
The Diploma in Contact Lens Practice of the British Optical Association	DCLP
The Contact Lens Certificate of the Scottish Association of Opticians	DCLP
The Diploma in Orthoptics of the British College of Ophthalmic Opticians	Dorth
The Diploma in Orthoptics of the British Optical Association	Dorth
The Diploma in Contact Lens Fitting of the Faculty of Dispensing Opticians	DCLF
The Supplementary Contact Lens Diploma of the British Optical Association	CL Cert (BOA)
The Supplementary Contact Lens Certificate of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	CL Cert (SMC)
The Diploma in Spectacle Lens Design of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians	FBDO(Hons) SLD
The Senior Award of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	SMSA

† The College changed its name in 1987 to the British College of Optometrists and to the College of Optometrists with effect from 1 January 1996 on being granted the Royal Charter.

†† The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology became known as the University of Manchester in 2004.