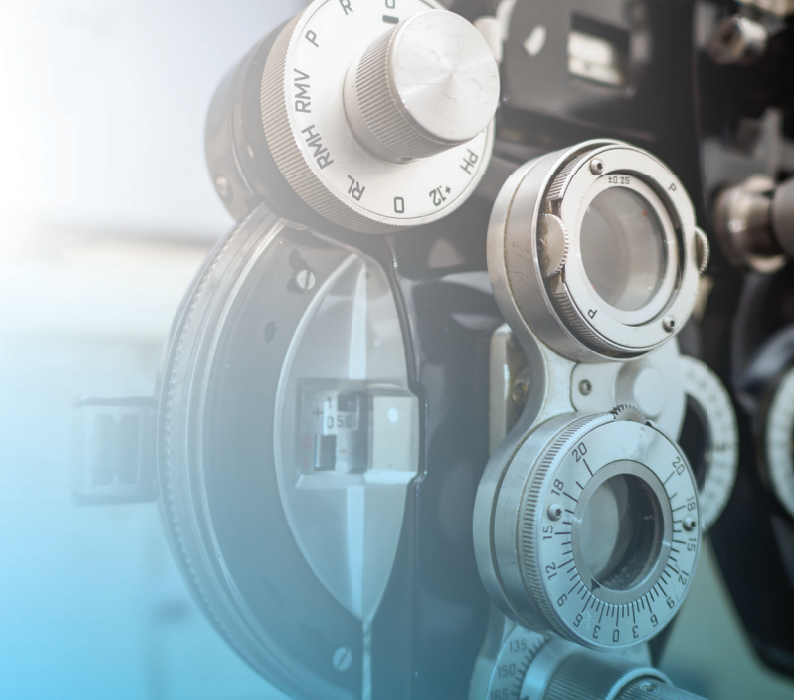




NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020



The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) is a non-profit, member-based organisation dedicated to improving public eye health.

Members join a collegial professional community helping to promote the importance of eye health to the public and health professionals, and also gain access to a range of membership benefits.

What does the ACO do?

The ACO is dedicated to providing affordable public eye care for people experiencing disadvantage.

Victorian Eyecare Service

We administer the Victorian Eyecare Service (VES) and Victorian Aboriginal Spectacles Subsidy Scheme (VASSS) in partnership with the State Government of Victoria.

Our services include primary eye care and extensive outreach to people who are homeless, refugees and asylum seekers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and supported residential services.

Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

The ACO is proud to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health service sector, the Commonwealth Government, and community members in reducing avoidable blindness in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We provide eye test equipment and training, comprehensive eye health consultations and visual aids, and referral pathways for primary care services.

National Vision Research Institute

The National Vision Research Institute is dedicated to researching the complexities of vision and its disorders and public health. Our vision is to achieve world leading eye health care outcomes for all.

Continuing Education

We provide best practice clinical learning pathways for optometrists from pre-registration through to professional practice.

Our Continuing Professional Development program offers flexible, innovative education for optometrists across a broad range of clinical areas. We offer over thirty CPD programs annually including clinical workshops, seminars and webinars, refresher courses, advanced certificates, and the ACO National Conference.

Becoming a member of the ACO

Registered optometrists are invited to apply for membership. Members are guided by, and agree to adhere to, the ACO's Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards.

Members of the wider community with a special interest in optometry may apply for an Associate Membership.

First Year Graduates are offered a complimentary 12 month ACO membership with no voting rights.

Optometry students are eligible for Student Membership which is free of charge. Please visit aco.org.au to download the Student Membership application form.

Voting Members

Classes	2020 Fees AUS	2020 Fees NZ	Class Definition
Member	\$355.00	\$322.73	An optometrist who is registered to practise in Australia or New Zealand
Member working less than 10 hours per week	\$265.00	\$240.41	Registered optometrist eligible for ACO membership but currently working less than 10 hours per week (25% discount)
Non-practising optometrist	\$180.00	\$163.64	Registered optometrist eligible for full ACO membership but currently non-practising due to illness or retired, taking parental or study leave (50% discount)
Affiliate	\$180.00	\$163.64	Resides outside Australia or New Zealand, holds an overseas qualification in optometry and is not currently registered to practise in Australia or New Zealand
Associate	\$60.00	\$54.55	Those with a special interest in optometry or an allied field
Associate (CPD)	\$180.00	\$163.64	Those with a special interest in optometry or an allied field who also want to access continuous professional development.

Non Voting Members

Classes	Class Description
First Year Graduates*	Free one-year membership granted to graduates within 12 months of graduating from an Australian or New Zealand optometry school.
Student*	Free membership for students at Australian or New Zealand optometry schools invited to join the College. No access to CPD points.

Note: all fees include GST. Where a member resides overseas GST is not applicable.

*Student Members and First Year Graduates do not hold voting rights

Membership Benefits

Membership will entitle you to:

- A comprehensive range of education programs (including courses, clinical workshops, CPR courses, webinars, the ACO National Conference and the Advanced Certificate courses) at substantially reduced rates.
- Free access to 2019 and 2020 ACO Seminar Series lectures. All lectures are accompanied with optional assessments (20 CPD points per year available, additional points for attending in person).
- Complimentary annual CPD points statement provided.
- Services and resources from the Nathan Library, including online access to the Australian Medicines Handbook and access to journal articles from Optometry and Vision Science.
- The opportunity to apply for ACO Travel Grants (following 12 months' membership). For more information on eligibility criteria please visit our website aco.org.au.
- The opportunity to apply for Fellowship of the ACO following three years of continuous membership. Fellows are recognised as having significantly contributed to the practice and profession of optometry and to the community.
- Free inFocus newsletters and regular ACO eNews.
- The opportunity to participate in ACO advisory groups and be nominated to serve on the ACO Council (not applicable to First Year Graduates or Student Members).
- Voting rights at the ACO Annual General Meeting.

ACO Membership Application Form

TITLE (please circle): MR MRS MISS MS DR PROF OTHER (please specify): _____

GIVEN NAMES: _____ PREFERRED NAME (if different): _____

FAMILY NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: | | _____ OA/ODOB NUMBER: _____

QUALIFICATIONS: _____ INSTITUTE: _____ YEAR: _____

QUALIFICATIONS: _____ INSTITUTE: _____ YEAR: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POSTCODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____ MOBILE TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I AM REGISTERED TO PRACTICE OPTOMETRY IN AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND YES NO

I AM CURRENTLY PRACTISING AT: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POSTCODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: () _____ BUSINESS EMAIL: _____

my preferred postal address is: residential (as above) business (as above)

my preferred email address is: residential (as above) business (as above)

i agree to have my name published in aco publications: yes no

I consent to the ACO collecting, storing and using my personal information for the purpose of administering my membership and providing ACO related services to me (unless I have "opted out" by contacting the Membership Division).

As a member of the ACO I agree to practise in accordance with the ACO Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards and to be bound by the current provisions of the ACO's Constitution.

In signing this document I confirm I have read and comply with the ACO Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards as listed on the ACO website at aco.org.au/membership.

If you have any questions regarding the Code of Ethics or Conduct Standards, please contact the Membership Division Phone: (03) 9349 7578 Email: membership@aco.org.au.

I declare that all the information supplied on this application is accurate.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE | | _____

