



OCI REGISTRATION POLICY DOCUMENT

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

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1. Indian optometrist who has completed 10+2 with science followed by 2 years of diploma in optometry/ophthalmic techniques/ophthalmic assistant or any similar nomenclature in India can register under OCI.
2. Indian optometrist who has completed 3 or 4 years Bachelors in optometry/ophthalmic techniques in India can register with OCI.
3. The above courses if done through distance learning mode;
 - a. Candidates who have graduated before Dec.31,2010 can register
 - b. For those who have graduated post Dec.31, 2010, there will be a skill and knowledge based exam 2018-2020. If the candidate clears the exam then he/she will be eligible to register with OCI, subject to fulfilment of any other conditions laid down by the council).
4. Candidates who have passed from 4 year degree / 2 year diploma courses which are NOT affiliated under any university can register, depending on the curriculum the school/college follows, number of hours of education and the credit point system that the school/college follows. OCI will encourage ASCO to take up affiliation of such courses to a university in the near future. Institute from which the candidate has graduated should be UGC/ASCO/University/Government Medical college recognized.
5. OCI will register those individuals, who have completed degree through lateral entry as per UGC norms.
6. Indian optometrist who have completed diploma in India and practicing/living abroad can register until 2020.

7. Indian optometrist practicing/living abroad who have completed a 4 year degree course in India can register.
8. Foreign national optometrist educated in an Indian university can register.
9. Once OCI crosses 5000 registrants (or the number as specified by the OCI board), OCI would conduct a skill and knowledge based exam for all registrants and future registrants and issue certificates based on the results.
10. For candidates who are already in practice BUT do not have the formal education (such as 2 year diploma or 4 year degree) but have gained knowledge and skill through experience, provision shall be made by 2020 for them to register under grandfather clause. However, candidates who wish to be registered under the normal register will be required to sit an exam set by OCI and also demonstrate practical skills. Once they clear the examination, they will be eligible for registration. The standards and methodology will be prescribed by the board of OCI.