



THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS

HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITED PRIOR LEARNING

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The College's Higher Qualifications Validation Board has issued guidelines for those candidates wishing to apply for accreditation towards the award of Fellowship on the basis of relevant post-graduate level prior learning, notably PhD and MPhil awards.

Candidates must submit a **typed** application to the Education Co-ordinator at the College and include the following supplementary information:

- **Title of project and detailed abstract and contents details.**
- **Name of supervisor, examiner, University attended and date of final award.**
- **Titles of any related publications and conference presentations including dates.**
- **Copy of final certificate.**

Members requiring further information should contact the Education Co-ordinator at the College.

APPROVED EXEMPTIONS

The College has approved the recognition of accredited prior learning as counting towards the award of College certificates and diplomas as follows:

City University Diabetes:

Applicants who have achieved the Diabetes Shared Care Certificate from City University are not required to take the written examination of the College's Certificate in Diabetes. To qualify for award of the College Certificate, applicants are required to take the station examination, to submit a clinical portfolio and undertake a viva. The content of the portfolio will be as for the Certificate in Diabetes, outlined in the Higher Qualification Information Pack.

City University Glaucoma:

Applicants who have achieved the Glaucoma Certificate from City University are not required to take the written examination of the College's Certificate in Glaucoma. To qualify for award of the College Certificate, applicants are required to take the station examination, to submit a clinical portfolio and undertake a viva. The content of the portfolio will be as for Certificate A in Glaucoma, outlined in the Higher Qualification Information Pack.

Achievement of the certificates in diabetes and glaucoma will lead to the award of College's Diploma in Ocular Conditions (DipOC). Achievement of certificates in Glaucoma A and Glaucoma B will lead to the award of the College's Diploma in Glaucoma (DipGlau).

City University Orthoptics:

Applicants who have achieved the 'Binocular Vision 1' and 'Binocular Vision 2' modules of the MSc in Clinical Optometry from City University are not required to take the written examination of the College certificates in Orthoptics A and Orthoptics B. To qualify for the award of the College Diploma, applicants are required to take the station examination, to submit a clinical portfolio and undertake a viva for both Certificate A and Certificate B.

City University – Low Vision:

Applicants who have achieved the 'Visual Impairment' module of the MSc in Clinical Optometry from City University are not required to take the written examination of the College Low Vision A Certificate. To qualify for award of the College Certificate, applicants are required to take the station examination, to submit a clinical portfolio and undertake a viva.