

# THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS



## HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS Examination Content

### Rehabilitation of Visual Impairment B

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## Examination Format

Certificate: **Rehabilitation of Visual Impairment B**

### **Clinical Portfolio:**

The portfolio, which must be submitted to the College Higher Qualifications Co-ordinator no later than the advertised deadline, is to include 6 records, with at least 6 months aftercare, from the following list:

Patient under eight year of age

- A field expander or relocater and the management of their visual field loss
- A telescope for in distance and near tasks
- A high prescription (>4D) spectacle reading addition (bifocal or varifocal)

A patient you have trained (giving full details of the training) in:

- Enhancing mobility
- eccentric viewing
- use of an Electronic Vision Enhancement System
- use of a telescope

Rehabilitation a patient who has previously been unsuccessful with low vision aids

A patient struggling to come to terms with their visual loss

Records should be as detailed as possible and there is no word count limit. At least 2 of the cases should include a report (for example to the patient, carer/teacher or GP) communicating information from the low vision assessment (such as the patients visual function and the correct use of prescribed visual aids), relating the rehabilitation provided to the patient's goals.

Further details regarding general presentation and content of the portfolio are to be found on pages 11 & 12 of this guide.

Two complete copies of the case records and all documentation should be submitted.

Assessment is in the form of a 1 hour viva.

### **Written Examination:**

The written examination will take the form of a 1.5 hour paper consisting of 30 short answer questions covering any aspect of the syllabus.

### **Station Examination:**

The station examination (1¼ hours) consists of 2 stations as shown below, both assessing practical skills.

1. Provide a low vision assessment on a new patient, prescribing appropriate visual aids. Candidates will be expected to discuss their management and referral of the patient for additional service. (45 minutes)
2. Provide a follow-up appointment for a patient whose vision has reduced and can no longer manage with their present optical aids. (30 minutes)