



OCI REGISTRATION POLICY DOCUMENT

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

Revised Policy as on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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 4 years (3+1 year compulsory internship) Bachelors in optometry in India can register with OCI
3. Candidates who have graduated with Bachelors in optometry through distance education mode before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 can register
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 practicing/living abroad who have completed a 4 year degree course in India can register.
7. Foreign national optometrist educated in an Indian university can register.
8. 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, the guidelines passed by the Interim Council and the NCAHP act shall be followed.