

## MEMBER BENEFITS

The Optometry Confederation of India (formerly Optometry Council of India) is a self-regulatory body registered under section 8 of the Companies Act (not for profit). This organization was formed with the help of the Indian Optometry Federation (IOF) and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO).

Membership Benefits at a Glance		
	Student	Practitioner
Be part of a community of 8000 optometrists	✓	✓
Registration on Optometrist Locator		✓
Special discounts and offers for industry products through optometrist locator		✓
Access to educational series	✓	✓
Help in Research work- sending surveys etc. to all OCI members	✓	
Scholarships, Travel Grants for conferences.	✓	
Regular updates regarding profession	✓	✓
Regular updates on upcoming conferences, CME, workshops	✓	✓
Network with professionals/academicians	✓	✓
Opportunity to present the research work/Cases in OCI-SIG	✓	✓
Opportunity to participate in the community services	✓	✓
Opportunity to get recognized for your work through OCI Awards (Separate categories for students and practitioners)	✓	✓
Participation in WOD, WSD Activities (Separate activities for Students and Practitioners)	✓	✓
Good Standing Certificates	✓	✓

# Life Time Membership Benefits

## **Professional Recognition:**

- Gain professional recognition among a community of 8000 optometrists when you start working.
- Use professional designations that signal your commitment and expertise.

## **Networking Opportunities:**

- Network with practitioners, academicians, corporate entities, hospitals, optical chains, and researchers.
- Attend conferences, seminars, and local events to build relationships and expand your professional circle.

## **Professional Development:**

- Access to regular updates regarding the profession from all over India.
- Participate in educational sessions to refresh your knowledge and skills, and update best practice standards.
- Get updates on upcoming conferences, CMEs, workshops, etc., through SMS.

## **Career Advancement:**

- Employment guidance through the Job Vacancy portal.
- Enhance your resume with a recognized professional affiliation.
- OCI registration is mandatory if you are applying for jobs abroad in countries like the Gulf, US, UK, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Fiji.

## **Knowledge and Resources:**

- Access to a wide range of educational resources and updates.
- Stay updated with industry trends and best practices.

## **Recognition and Credibility:**

- Opportunity to get recognized for your work and win awards.
- Receive good standing certificates for employment or higher education.

## **Advocacy and Representation:**

- Influence industry standards and regulations through collective action.
- Representation on policy issues and advocacy for the profession.

## **Discounts and Savings:**

- Opportunity to get discounts on industry products through the Optometrists locator.
- Discounts on conference fees and continuing education courses.

## **Community and Support:**

- Increase footfall in private practice through awareness banners, posters, and offers during World Optometry Day and World Sight Day.
- Belong to a community of like-minded professionals who share similar challenges and goals.

## **Leadership and Volunteering:**

- Opportunities to participate in community services.
- Develop leadership skills through involvement in various activities and initiatives.

## **Global Perspectives:**

- Network with international professionals and gain global insights.
- Opportunities to work abroad in multiple countries due to OCI registration.

# Student Membership Benefits

## **Professional Recognition:**

- Gain professional recognition among a community of 8000 optometrists when you start working.
- Use of professional designations that signal your commitment and expertise.

## **Networking Opportunities:**

- Network with other professionals in your area or with specific clinical interests.
- Exposure to community outreach through various projects led by OCI and optometry schools.

## **Professional Development:**

- Access to regular updates regarding the profession from all over India.
- Participate in educational sessions to refresh your knowledge, skills, and update best practice standards.
- Special career guidance webinars from experts and access to the Unconventional Career Options series.

## **Career Advancement:**

- Yearly OCI Award for Best Student of the Year.
- Scholarships and travel grants to attend OCI Accredited conferences, CMEs, or workshops.
- OCI registration is mandatory if you are applying for jobs abroad in countries like the Gulf, US, UK, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Fiji.
- Hospitals, retail, and corporate sectors in India may require OCI registration before offering employment.

## **Knowledge and Resources:**

- Help in research work, including assistance in sending surveys to all members.
- Access to updates on upcoming conferences, CMEs, workshops, etc., through SMS.

## **Recognition and Credibility:**

- Opportunity to present research work through webinars in Special Interest Groups (SIGs), identified by respective faculties.
- Participation in competitions, quizzes, debates, and prize opportunities during events like World Sight Day (WSD), World Optometry Day (WOD), and Myopia Awareness Week.

## **Advocacy and Representation:**

- Influence industry standards and regulations through collective action.
- Representation on policy issues and advocacy for the profession.

## **Discounts and Savings:**

- Special pricing for student registration for any educational series or free access.
- Scholarships and travel grants to attend OCI Accredited conferences or CMEs or workshops.

## **Community and Support:**

- Belong to a community of like-minded professionals who share similar challenges and goals.
- Participation in community outreach projects led by OCI and optometry schools.

## **Leadership and Volunteering:**

- Opportunities to participate in community services and outreach projects.
- Develop leadership skills through involvement in various activities and initiatives.

## **Global Perspectives:**

- Opportunities to work abroad in multiple countries due to OCI registration.
- Exposure to global insights and networking with international professionals.