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Personally I feel it will be a (reasonable) expectation of the public in the future that all optometrists will have therapeutics as Graduates enter the profession with this endorsement. Just as they can now assume all optometrists have the skills to assess ocular health as well as refract.

My biggest issue is not the undertaking of the course, but the cost and the time involved. I am a single fulltime parent and currently only work 3 days a week. The cost of the therapeutics course itself is prohibitive for me, but just as importantly the time I need to take off to complete modules, arranging care and a loss of income to do so means I will be facing financial and time management dilemma's to meet the requirements if this is what the Board set as compulsory for registration.

Has this issue been addressed already? Will there be any concession for the course fee for single parents such as myself, and/or any alternatives to the large amount of Clinical placement required to complete the course? Even the travel interstate for the modules would be difficult for me right now.

Kind regards,

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