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There is no public benefit for ALL optoms to be qualified & endorsed for therapeutics. The need does not occur often enough in general practice to require it from everyone. If someone is particularly interested in this field of optometry or is in practice in an area that a large proportion of the public require this knowledge, then those optoms should get qualified in therapeutics.

It is not a reasonable expectation for practitioners to be forced into conducting further education on such a high level. It also incurs a lot of financial cost & time which everyone may not have. There are diplomas available if one wishes to be specialised in certain areas of the profession. This should apply to therapeutics too.

Optoms in non clinical roles also would be in an unfair disadvantage if therapeutic qualifications were made compulsory for registration.

Lastly, people's circumstances, lives & thus way of working & practising can change during their career. Again it would be unfair to force such rules upon practitioners that do not know what the future may hold for their career.

We have chosen this profession ourselves & thus the way we have been educated & qualified. No one should be allowed to make us change this.

Optoms still have to do continuing education which takes up a lot of our personal time & money. Putting even more pressure on us is very unfair.

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