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Hi

I do not agree about making the therapeutic qualification a compulsory a requirement for registration of optometrist as this is really will not help much in advancing the profession prescribing glasses or fitting contact lens which is the main job for optometrist never in the past required this therapeutic qualification so why now it is a very expensive for the nation and for the optometrist as well It requires people leaves their job to go back in university for a full year how is this will affect your business who will pay our bills *t is also not an easy task* course to be required from people who already finish studies for long time it is not fair to ask for someone over 50 yrs old to compete in an educational course as such unless you would like to offer the course in an easier way as the continuous education way without leaving their jobs or as OTEN learn in your own time what is this gave us benefit for the public still will need the ophthalmologist opinion I myself do not find any benefit to my business or i would be the first to enroll

Even though that I am an optometrist who also carried a previous degree of medicine and ophthalmology degree I find no benefit either for the optometrist or the public so why forcing this requirement for people who already spent all the time and effort needed in the past to work in this profession

**so please it is not fair to force us to such requirement**

Regards

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