

TIMELINE

Education Strategic Review (ESR) launch

The aim of the review was to update our education requirements for the qualifications we approve.

1**MARCH
2016****DECEMBER
2016****2**

Call for evidence

Feedback received on questions about the future of eye care delivery and the implications of these changes on optical education.

Concepts and principles consultation

A consultation on the concepts and principles that could underpin optical education and training in the future.

3**DECEMBER
2017****NOVEMBER
2018****4**

Standards and outcomes consultation

A consultation on draft Education Standards for providers and Learning Outcomes for students.

ESR consultation

A consultation on revised and updated requirements for optometrists and dispensing opticians.

5**JULY
2020****JULY
2021****6**

ESR consultation (AS, SP, IP)

A consultation on updated requirements for additional supply, supplementary prescribing and/or independent prescribing.

ETR for optometry and dispensing optics published

The new education and training requirements (ETR) for optometrists and dispensing opticians come into effect.

7**MARCH
2021****SEPTEMBER
2021****8**

ESR consultation (CLO)

A consultation on updated requirements for contact lens opticians.

ETR for AS, SP, & IP published

The new education and training requirements for additional supply, supplementary prescribing, and independent prescribing come into effect.

9**JANUARY
2022****APRIL
2022****10**

ETR for CLO published

The new education and training requirements for contact lens opticians come into effect.

Adaptation

GOC-approved education providers can begin to adapt their qualifications to meet the new requirements.

11**MAY
2022****SEPTEMBER
2023 onwards****12**

Delivery of updated qualifications

Providers will begin to deliver updated qualifications that meet the new requirements.