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I wish to provide feedback for the submission on whether therapeutics should be a requirement for registration. It should NOT be a requirement.

Firstly, it is completely unreasonable to expect an experienced Optometrist to pay \$15,000 and much valuable time away from their Practice to become Therapeuticaly trained, when the use of Therapeutics is such a minor % of our work day. If I had the qualification, I would prescribe less than once per fortnight.

We have a large network of ophthalmology & G.P's in most areas, adequately servicing the public demand. In fact, where there may be a possible need, as in regional areas, the option of doing the course should remain just that, an option.

As to it being a requirement for registration, it is absurd to require an Optometrist to have the Therapeutics qualification. Eyecare in Australia does not require the Therapeutics qualification to somehow reach new heights. It is already world class as is. We have a new compulsory continuing education program to re-register, and that ought to be more than adequate to retain this standard.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.  
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