

## THE REGISTRATION FEES RULES 2025-2026

Each application falling within a category set out in the table below shall be accompanied by the fee shown for the period 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026:

Applications for annual renewal of registration	25/26 Fee
<p><u>Annual renewal fee</u></p> <p>Application for annual renewal of registration in the register of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optometrists</li> <li>• Dispensing opticians</li> <li>• Bodies corporate carrying on business as an optometrist or dispensing optician or both</li> </ul> <p>for the year commencing on 1 April 2025 and ending on 31 March 2026 received on or before 31 March 2025</p>	£415
<p><u>Low income earners annual renewal fee<sup>1</sup></u></p> <p>Application for annual renewal of registration in the register of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optometrists</li> <li>• Dispensing opticians</li> </ul> <p>for the year commencing 1 April 2025 and ending on 31 March 2026 applications received on or before 31 March 2025.</p>	£290
<p>Application for annual renewal in the register of student optometrists or the register or student dispensing opticians for the year commencing 1 September 2025 and ending on 31 August 2026 received on or before 31 August 2025.</p>	£30

Applications for annual renewal of registration when entering, transferring or restoring to the register	25/26 Fee
<p>Annual renewal fee for the period 1 April 2025 and ending on 31 March 2026, pro rata rate based on date of entry to the register of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optometrists</li> <li>• Dispensing opticians</li> <li>• Bodies corporate carrying on business as an optometrist or dispensing optician or both</li> </ul>	£103.75 per quarter or part thereof

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<sup>1</sup> a low income earner is defined as an individual fully qualified applicant or registrant whose total individual income is estimated to be lower than £16,000 for the following year 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026.

<b>Applications for Registration</b>	<b>25/26 Fee</b>
<p>Initial application to be entered on the register of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optometrists</li> <li>• Dispensing opticians</li> <li>• Bodies corporate carrying on business as an optometrist or dispensing optician or both</li> </ul> <p>including low income earners.</p>	£80
<p>Application for registration in the register of student optometrists or the register of student dispensing opticians for all or part of the year commencing 1 September 2025 and ending on 31 August 2026. No annual renewal fee will be charged for the year in which they are applying for registration.</p>	£30
<p>Application for entry of a specialty in the register of optometrists or the register of dispensing opticians.</p>	£45

<b>Applications for transfer of registration</b>	<b>25/26 Fee</b>
<p>Application for transfer between full registers for all or part of the year commencing on 1 April 2025 and ending on 31 March 2026.</p>	£45
<p>Application for transfer from the register of student optometrists to the register of optometrists or from the register of student dispensing opticians upon completion of a GOC accredited route to registration.</p>	£45

<b>Applications for restoration of registration</b>	<b>25/26 Fee</b>
<p>Initial application to be restored on the register of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optometrists</li> <li>• Dispensing opticians</li> <li>• Bodies corporate carrying on business as an optometrist or dispensing optician or both including low-income earners.</li> </ul>	£80
<p>Application for restoration to the register of student optometrists or the register of student dispensing opticians following removal or erasure from the registers for all or part of the year commencing on 1 September 2025 and ending on 31 August 2026. No annual renewal fee will be charged for the year in which they are applying for registration.</p>	£30

<b>Applications for Certificates of Current Professional Status</b>	<b>25/26 Fee</b>
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Application for a certificate of current professional status.	£30
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<b>Applications for assessment of qualifications gained from outside of the UK to gain entry to the register of dispensing opticians or optometrists</b>	<b>25/26 Fee</b>
A scrutiny fee for processing documentation for applications for applicants qualified outside of the United Kingdom who wish to join either the register of optometrists or the register of dispensing opticians. A separate fee will be charged for each register applied to.	£130
For those that have passed the scrutiny stage and require an equivalency assessment, a fee will be charged for:  Assessment of equivalency of qualifications and experience for applicants qualified outside of the United Kingdom who wish to join either the register of optometrists or the register of dispensing opticians. A separate fee will be charged for each register applied to.	£455
An interview fee for non-EEA applicants (this is the cost of a telephone interview between the applicant and GOC assessors)	£205



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