

# Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand Strategic Plan July 2018 – June 2023



**Mission** – Promote and protect the eye health of the public in Australia and New Zealand by assuring the quality of optometric education and assessment.

**Vision** - OCANZ is a leading voice for quality optometry education and training and delivers excellence in our accreditation and assessment services.

## Values - We value

collaborative models of leadership in health care

accountability to the public, clients and stakeholders

commitment to ethical standards, honesty and transparency

inclusiveness, including respect, dignity, fairness and equitable treatment for all

results informed by continuous quality improvement and evidence-based decision making

Goal One	Goal Two	Goal Three	Goal Four	Goal Five
Leading accreditation services	Quality examination services	Governance and Capability	Leadership and Agility	Engagement and Influence
Our accreditation standards and processes are contemporary and effective	Our assessments of overseas trained optometrists confirm safety to practice in Australia and New Zealand	Our governance, staff and systems are fit for purpose and support our service delivery	We provide leadership in a dynamic and shifting regulatory environment	OCANZ and stakeholders respect each other and engage to mutual benefit
1.1 OCANZ accreditation standards undergo regular review to ensure they remain focussed on patient safety and workforce outcomes and are evidence-based	2.1 We continue to deliver rigorous and comprehensive examination assessments which are consistent, fair and evidence-based	3.1 Our governance and strategy are continually reviewed to ensure the organisation's ongoing sustainability and relevance to future and emerging needs	4.1 We proactively explore new governance and operating models and practices which are consistent with our mission, vision and values and are efficient and effective	5.1 We build ongoing partnerships with education providers and the optometry profession to examine how future educational developments including CPD should impact on education, accreditation and assessment
1.2 We lead the development and application of common and risk-managed accreditation procedures to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden	2.2 Ongoing reviews of our examination structure and content ensure that we assess safety to practice in the most effective way	3.2 OCANZ invests in necessary operational infrastructure, processes and systems to protect OCANZ resources	4.2 OCANZ helps lead the development of the next professional competencies for optometry and supports the development and inclusion of common cross-profession elements	5.2 We foster strong positive relations with Australia and New Zealand regulators throughout regular reports and meetings
1.3 OCANZ continues to conduct rigorous and transparent accreditation assessments of education providers and programs of study which are consistent and fair	2.3 OCANZ information systems protect and support examination functions, ensure candidate privacy and prevent fraud	3.3 We continue to improve our financial and risk controls and forward financial modelling in order to deliver value for money	4.3 We advocate for and lead collaborative initiatives with other accreditation regulators which help improve health care outcomes and the efficiency, cost effectiveness and quality of our services	5.3 Our communications with stakeholders are enhanced to improve understanding of and support for OCANZ as a trusted accreditation regulator
1.4 We improve accreditation's contribution to better health outcomes for Indigenous Peoples in Australia and New Zealand	2.4 We benchmark our examination practices with overseas optometric comparators and other regulated health professions in support of best practice	3.4 Our people are supported and developed		
1.5 Our education providers are supported to develop common benchmarking tools in areas such as assessment				