



GOC consultation on CET Rules

Introduction

1. What is your name?

Name

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2. What is your email address?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email

healthpolicy@fodo.com

3. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

(Required)

☒ [Yes](#)

☐ No

Tell us who you are

[Officer](#)

4. Which category best describes you?

Please select only one item

☐ Member of the public

☐ Optical patient

☐ Optometrist

☐ Dispensing optician

☐ Specialist - therapeutic prescriber

☐ Specialist - contact lens optician

☐ Student - optometry

☐ Student - dispensing

☐ Director of an optical business

☒ Other

Other please specify

Communications officer

Organisation details

5. On behalf of which organisation are you responding?

FODO – the Association for Eye Care Providers

6. Which of the following categories best describes your organisation?

☐ Optical business registrant

☐ Other optical employer

☐ Undergraduate education and training provider

☐ Current CET provider

☐ Other CPD provider

☐ Optical professional body

☒ Optical defence/representative body

☐ Optical insurer

☐ Commissioner of optical care

☐ Healthcare regulator

☐ Other

Other please specify

7. To what extent do you agree that the amended CET Rules reflect the changes we are seeking to make to the scheme in January 2022?

☐ Strongly agree

☒ Agree

- ☐ Neither agree or disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

8. Are any of the amendments unclear?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please provide any additional comments

Click or tap here to enter text.

9. Is there anything missing?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please provide any additional comments

We are pleased that the GOC listened to stakeholder feedback and has made some important improvements to the scheme, not least permitting access to wider forms of healthcare professional CPD.

10. To what extent do you agree with introducing peer review for dispensing opticians?

☐ Strongly agree

☒ Agree

☐ Neither agree or disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

11. What impact, if any, will introducing a mandatory requirement for peer review for dispensing opticians have?

☐ Very positive impact

☒ Positive impact

☐ Neither positive or negative impact

- ☐ Negative impact
- ☐ Very negative impact
- ☐ Don't know

Please use the box below to explain your answers above if required, thinking about what potential improvements or barriers this change could create.

As is acknowledged, the dispensing profession has strongly embraced peer review. This change will validate that professional commitment at the same as supporting participation from the small number who may still be nervous of this kind of education, to the public benefit.

12. Do you have any comments in relation to amending the Rules to allow Council to set the CET provider fee at their discretion?

Please provide any comments

It would be helpful for the GOC to make clear the basis on which it plans to calculate CPD provider fees as this was not clear from the original consultation. As this is a service which benefits the public and is a key part of quality underpinning for the future, it should be designed to be streamlined and efficient as well as 'lighter touch' as proposed. Fees should be set to reflect this, to encourage a wide range of innovative providers to offer CPD and should not be used as to generate income.

Final thoughts

13. Are there any further comments in relation to our draft CET Rules that you would like to make?

We consider these reforms to be a considerable advance over the existing CET system and ways of thinking which - although important in their time - tended to infantilise the professions and act as a barrier to more innovative CPD. We see them as an essential first step towards a more modern and mature CPD system in line with those of other regulated healthcare professions. We look forward to supporting and working with the GOC throughout this cycle and beyond, on behalf of our members and as a CPD provider. Our aim as always will be to help the professions advance and progress for the benefit of patients, the public and practitioners' own potential and career aspirations.

Further information

14. Can we publish your response?

(Required)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but please keep my name and my organisation's name private
- ☐ No