

OPTOMETRISTS (NOC: 3121)



Three years of university undergraduate studies in sciences and A four- to five-year **university** program in optometry are required.

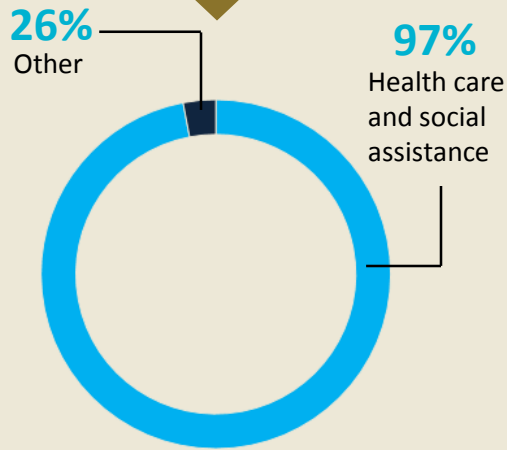


Work Prospects
(2018- 2020): **Good**

Optometrists examine eyes to assess and diagnose ocular diseases and disorders. They prescribe and fit eyeglasses and contact lenses and recommend treatments such as exercises to correct vision problems or ocular disorders. They work in private practice, clinics and community health centres.



Employment by Industry



Examples of duties performed

- Examine patients' eyes, conduct tests and use ophthalmoscopes, biomicroscopes and other specialized instruments to determine ocular health and visual efficiency
- Prescribe and provide treatment (excluding surgery) to maintain, improve and correct vision and manage other ocular diseases and disorders
- Prescribe, dispense and fit eyeglasses, contact lenses and other visual aids
- Educate, counsel and advise patients on contact lens use and care, ocular hygiene, surgical and non-surgical options, and preventive care and maintenance related to occupation and lifestyle
- May prescribe from a limited list of medications.



Sample Job Titles

Doctor of optometry (OD)

Optometrist

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Job Openings
2017-2026

\$N/A

Median
Wage
(Per Hour)



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