



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES		MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (Summary)											
CATEGORY	DEFINITION	ACCESS TO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME	USE OF MEMBERS LOGO	ELIGIBLE TO VOTE one vote per membership	ACCESS TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND FORUMS	WEBSITE ACCESS Members only area	ACADEMY EVENTS Access to special member rates	ACCESS TO MEMBER-ONLY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	ACADEMY NEWSLETTER	ONLINE ACCESS TO OPO JOURNAL	ACCESS TO MEMBERS-ONLY OFFERS	ACADEMY WEBSITE PROMOTION	LIBRARY ACCESS
INDIVIDUAL	An individual who is or who has been an optometrists, optician, educationalist or researcher working in the field of optometry and optics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓
ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUAL	An individual, not eligible for membership but who wishes to be associated with Academy	✓	✓	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓
ORGANISATION	An organisation that is a school, university, research institution, national association, regional association, or specialist interest group working in the field of optometry and optics	n/a	✓	✓	x 4	x 4	x 4	x 1	✓	x 1	✓	✓	✓
ASSOCIATE ORGANISATION	An organisation, not eligible for membership but who wishes to be associated with the Academy	n/a	✓	n/a	x 4	x 4	x 4	x 1	✓	x1	✓	✓	✓
STUDENT	A student in full-time education at an organisation which is itself a member of the Academy	n/a	✓	n/a	✓	✓	✓		✓	n/a	✓	n/a	✓
POSTGRADUATE STUDENT	Any graduate who has completed a bachelor's degree and is undertaking a postgraduate masters or postgraduate doctorate (PhD) at a university. Applications will require authorization by the institution where the study is being undertaken.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓



GENERAL

1 MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

Membership is open to individuals and organisations.

Categories of membership and their criteria are noted in the Summary of Benefits table and can be found on the website and in the Prospectus.

Membership fees are paid annually and are valid for twelve months from the date of receipt of payment.

New memberships are not processed until the Academy has received proof of payment.

Membership is non-refundable and non-transferable.

All members are allocated a unique membership number.

2 FOUNDER MEMBER STATUS

The status 'Founder Member' was awarded to Members who joined the Academy before 31st December 2009. This status is recognised in perpetuity, subject to continuous membership being maintained. Benefits for individual, organisation and associate members apply as noted below.

3 FELLOWSHIP

Application to become a Fellow of the Academy will be available from May 2011. Fellows of the Academy will be entitled to use the designatory letters FEAOO. Fellowship is open to current Individual members of the Academy.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

1. Access to an international network of optometrists, opticians, researchers, educationalists and organisations that can help individual members continue their professional development, expand their knowledge base and build their own professional networks
2. Eligibility to apply to become a Fellow of the Academy.
3. Access to the Academy's member logo.
4. Entitlement to vote (except for Associate Individual members)
5. Access to purchase one (1) ticket to any Academy event where the discounted member rate is applicable.
6. Access to the Academy's members-only events and activities – including round table discussions at the annual conference.
7. Access to the Academy's members-only section of the website.
8. Complimentary subscription to *Ophthalmic and Physiological Optics*, the peer-reviewed journal of the College of Optometrists, London.
9. Access to special members' offers.
10. Access to the Academy's special interest groups and forums
11. Access to the Library at the College of Optometrists, London for reference services and research materials.
12. Subscription to the Academy's Newsletter.
13. Notice of international optometric events.

These benefits apply to individual, associate individual and postgraduate members.

(To note: associate members are excluded from voting)

ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY BENEFITS

1. Access to international networking opportunities that support and promote the establishment of exchange programmes, university Erasmus programmes and ultimately support European Universities comply with the Bologna Declaration.
2. Access to the Academy's member logo, providing recognition of your organisation's international approach to research, education and the principals of the Academy.
3. Free listing and profile on the Academy's 'About Us' section and 'Resource' section on the website with a link through to own website.
4. Free promotion of your events, news, research grants and awards, research positions, exchange student positions to all Academy members.
5. Access to the members discounted rate for up to 4 people to attend the Academy's annual conference.
6. Access to a special group booking rate for parties of 10 or more to attend the Academy's annual conference or any event where a discounted member rate is offered.
7. Access for 4 people to the Academy's member-only section of the website (key contact and up to three additional named representatives)
8. Access to the Academy's online Special Interest Groups and Forums on Binocular Vision, Community Eye and Vision Care Services, Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technology, Education, and Primary Eye Care. (Key contact and up to nine additional named representatives).
9. Complimentary subscription to the UK peer-reviewed journal of the College of Optometrists, *Ophthalmic and Physiological Optics*.
10. Access to special offers to subscribe to journal subscriptions (key contact only)
11. Members who are educational institutions are entitled to offer their students, who are in full-time undergraduate study, a special student membership rate of €25 (see below for details).
12. Members who are educational institutions are entitled to nominate candidates to sit on the Academy's Education Committee as and when nominations are called.
13. Entitlement to vote (key contact only).
14. Access to the Library at the College of Optometrists, London for reference services (key contact and up to three additional named representatives)
15. Subscription to the Academy's Newsletter
16. Notice of international optometric events

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

1. International networking opportunities that can support students find research opportunities, exchange programmes and build their own personal professional networks.
2. Access to special student member rates at Academy events.
3. Access to the Academy's special interest groups and forums on Binocular Vision, Community Eye and Vision Care Services, Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technology, Education, and Primary Eye Care.
4. Access to special members offers to subscribe to journal subscriptions.
5. Access to the Library at the College of Optometrists, London for reference services.
6. Notice of international optometric events.