

## Pearson BTEC Level 4 Certificate in Optical Dispensing (QCF)

**Qualification Number: 601/1841/6**

### **What is the purpose of this qualification?**

The BTEC Level 4 Certificate in Optical Dispensing provides the underpinning knowledge and skills required by optical dispensers.

### **What does this qualification cover?**

This qualification is based on the National Occupational Standards for the optical industry as defined by Skills for Health in consultation with employers and professional bodies through the Optical Sector Steering Group. The qualification is accredited on the Qualifications and Credit Framework.

Learners will complete the following mandatory units:

- Principles of geometric optics
- Applied optics of spherical lenses
- Applied optics of prisms
- Dispensing astigmatic lenses
- Lens thickness and dispensing
- Spectacle magnification and field of view in dispensing
- Multifocal and progressive lenses
- Lens design and ametropia
- Principles of light applied to optics

### **How is the qualification assessed?**

Learners will compile a portfolio of evidence demonstrating how they are meeting the required standard.

### **Who could take this qualification?**

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standard. Learners do not need any prior qualifications, knowledge or experience before starting the qualification. They may be seeking work, or they may already be employed in an optical dispensing role.

### **What could this qualification lead to?**

Learners may wish to advance to more senior roles within the practice and may ultimately progress to becoming a Dispensing Optician, Contact Lens Optician, Optometrist or Practice/Store Manager.

Learners may also wish to diversify into other areas of the optical dispensing industry, such as hearing aid dispenser or hearing aid audiologist. The BTEC Level 4 Diploma for Hearing Care Assistant would help them to achieve this.

In addition, learners could progress on to management qualifications.

### **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported by the Association of British Dispensing Opticians which is the professional body for dispensing opticians in the United Kingdom.