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## Invitation to apply for visitor panel for the European Diploma in Optometry and the European Qualification in Optics accreditation scheme

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ECOO established the European Diploma in Optometry and the European Qualification in Optics as a stimulus to the harmonization of European optometric and optical education and clinical practice. The European Diploma is set at the Bachelor level in European Higher Education and provides a qualification appropriate for Optometric practice at Category 3 of the World Council of Optometry's four categories model. The countries of ECOO have adopted the Diploma as the "Gold Standard" for European Optometry. The Qualification in Optics is set at a minimum entry standard for the profession.

To foster this harmonisation ECOO has established an accreditation scheme to invite training institutions to benchmark their programmes against the European Diploma and the Qualification in Optics. The intention is to exempt graduates of approved programmes from part or all of the examinations of the European Diploma and the Qualification in Optics.

The European Council of Optometry and Optics is seeking to appoint Visitors to the Accreditation Panel. Visitors will be responsible for evaluating the self-assessment document, the syllabus, the programme specification, examinations and assessments, for visiting training institutions, observing teaching, inspecting facilities and discussion with students, staff and institutional managers.

Visitors are not salaried but will receive a daily fee and will be appointed initially for three years. Time commitment is expected to be about ten days a year. Candidates should have experience in optometric practise or in education and training.

Full details may be found at: [www.ecoo.info](http://www.ecoo.info)

Further enquiries should be sent to: [secretariat@ecoo.info](mailto:secretariat@ecoo.info) for the attention of:

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The deadline for all applications is **03 March 2017**.

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