

ABOUT US

The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) is committed to providing affordable, high-quality public health eye care to the community.

We provide diverse communities often underserved with comprehensive eye care through our network of Melbourne clinics and outreach programs.

In partnership with the Victorian State Government, the ACO annually supports over 55,000 people through the Victorian Eyecare Service (VES).

OUR SERVICES

ACO's full scope optometry services support eye health for all ages, from routine care to complex disease management. Our expert clinicians are equipped to provide comprehensive ocular health exams for every patient. Our eye health services include, but are not limited to:



Eye tests

We provide thorough assessments of vision and overall eye health.

Affordable glasses

We offer affordable VES & VASSS subsidised glasses & contact lenses. are also available to eligible patients.

Advanced clinics

Including myopia, ocular disease, dry eye, low vision & advanced contact lenses

Ocular disease management

Glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration clinics detect and provide expert management.

Acute red eye & foreign bodies

We provide care for acute eye issues, such as red eye and foreign bodies.

REFERRAL PATHWAY (Referrals not required)

Email, fax or call

(E) appointments@aco.org.au
(F) 03 9017 6817
(P) 03 9017 7816

Patient contacted

Within 5 business days

Notes & Team Care Arrangements

Consult notes will be provided as appropriate. ACO is always happy to participate in TCAs.

No Waitlist

ACCESSIBLE CARE

Affordable

We believe cost should not be a barrier to care. See next page for bulk billing & subsidy info.

VES & VASSS

Eligible patients can access subsidised glasses starting from \$48.20. See next page.

Language Support

Interpreters are available by prior request.

Disability & complex needs

We can support complex needs including disability, health conditions & special needs.

Cultural safety

We welcome people of all backgrounds, cultures, gender identities, sexualities & abilities.

Referrals not required

Referrals are not required to attend the ACO but are always welcome.



Wynham Eye Care
131 Heaths Road,
Hoppers Crossing 3029
Tel: (03) 9017 7816

Knox Eye Care
520-538 Mountain Hwy
Baywater 3153
Tel: (03) 8459 1509

Frankston Clinic
Frankston Integrated
Health Service
Hastings Rd,
Frankston 3199
Tel: (03) 9784 8342

East Reservoir Clinic
Your Community Health
125 Blake Street,
Reservoir 3073
Tel: (03) 8470 1199

Dandenong Eye Care
116 David St,
Dandenong 3175
Tel: (03) 9771 1007

Broadmeadows Clinic
Medical Select
1550 Pasco Vale Rd,
Coolaroo 3048
Tel: (03) 9349 7473

Braybrook Clinic
Cohealth Braybrook
Community Hub
107 – 139 Churchill Ave,
Braybrook 3019
Tel: (03) 9448 6283

Carlton Clinic
374 Cardigan Street,
Carlton 3053
Tel: (03) 9349 7455



OUR LOCATIONS



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IDENTIFYING CONCERNS

- Any noticeable change in vision
 - Difficulty focusing eyes or eye strain
 - Headaches reading or using screens
 - Living with diabetes
 - Itching, redness, dryness
 - Foreign bodies
- Patients experiencing the symptoms below should seek optometry care:

- Requires urgent care:**
- Sudden loss of vision
 - Eye injury
 - Sudden blurred vision or flashing lights
- Call (03) 9349 7455

For other patients, ACO provides services at a reduced costs to other optometry clinics.

Bulk billed consults	✓ (VES)	✓	Children's consultations (Medicare eligible consults only)
VES glasses & contacts (from \$48.20)	✓	✓ (VES)	DVA Gold Cardholders
VASSS glasses (from \$10)	✓	✓ (VES)	Refugees and asylum seekers
	✓	✓ (VES)	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
	✓	✓ (VES)	Health Care cardholder or listed as a dependent
	✓	✓ (VES)	Pension cardholder

The table below outlines eligibility for bulk billed consultations and subsidised glasses or contact lenses.

The ACO feels strongly that cost should not be a barrier to quality care. For this reason, we do not charge for imaging. From 2023, ACO has extended bulk billing to all Medicare eligible consults for children under 18 years of age.

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