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Highfield Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0383 Spectacle Maker

End-Point Assessment Kit



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How to use this EPA kit

Welcome to the Highfield end-point assessment kit for the Level 3 Spectacle Maker Apprenticeship Standard.

This guide contains advice and guidance for trainers on how to prepare for the end-point assessment. The approaches suggested are not the only way in which an apprentice may be prepared for their assessments, but trainers may find them helpful as a starting point.

Key facts

Apprenticeship standard:	Spectacle Maker
Level:	3
On-programme duration:	Typically, 24 months
EPA window duration:	1 day
Grading:	Pass/distinction
End-point assessment methods:	Direct observation and professional discussion

In this guide you will find:

- a section focused on delivery, where the standard and assessment criteria are presented in a suggested format that is suitable for delivery
- guidance on how to prepare the apprentice for gateway
- detailed information on which part of the standard is assessed by which assessment method
- suggestions on how to prepare the apprentice for each part of the end-point assessment

Introduction

Standard overview

A spectacle maker is anyone who uses their skills and labour for the production and repair of finished, quality assured spectacles with a wide range of prescriptions, coatings and finishes, frame types and styles. They will be using a range of materials for frames, lenses and optical manufacturing and repair tools and equipment. They may be working within a small glazing workshop or in a larger manufacturing environment.

On-programme requirements

Although learning, development and on-programme assessment is flexible, and the process is not prescribed, the following is the recommended baseline expectation for an apprentice to achieve full competence in line with the Spectacle Maker apprenticeship standard.

The on-programme assessment approach will be agreed between the training provider and employer. The assessment will give an ongoing indication of an apprentice's performance against the final outcomes defined in the standard. The training provider will need to prepare the apprentice for the end-point assessment, including preparation for the interview and collation of the portfolio of evidence (such as a provision of recordings of professional discussions or workplace evidence).

The training programme leading to end-point assessment should cover the breadth and depth of the standard using suggested on-programme assessment methods that integrate the knowledge, skills and behaviour components, and which ensure that the apprentice is sufficiently prepared to undertake the end-point assessment. Training, development and ongoing review activities should include:

- achievement of level 2 English and maths. If the apprentice began their apprenticeship training before their 19th birthday, they will still be subject to the mandatory requirement to study towards and achieve English and maths. The requirements for English and maths are optional for apprentices aged 19+ at the start of their apprenticeship training.
- study days and training courses.
- mentoring/buddy support.
- regular performance reviews undertaken by the employer.

- structured one-to-one reviews of their progress with their employer and/or training provider.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the EPA

Where AI has been used as part of the apprentice's day-to-day work and forms part of a project report, presentation, or artefact, it should be referenced as such within the work. AI must not be used to produce the report or portfolio.

Where AI has been used as part of a portfolio that underpins an interview or professional discussion or any other assessment method, it should be fully referenced within the portfolio.

Readiness for end-point assessment

The independent end-point assessment is synoptic, that is, it takes an overview of an apprentices' competence. It is important therefore, that the end-point assessment only commences once the employer is confident that the apprentice has developed all the knowledge, skills and behaviours defined in the spectacle maker apprenticeship standard.

The apprentice and the employer should engage with Highfield to agree a plan and schedule for each assessment activity to ensure all components can be completed within a 1-day end-assessment window. Further information about the gateway process is covered later in this kit.

Apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the end-point assessment. The requirements for English and maths are mandatory for all apprentices aged between 16-18 at the start of their apprenticeship training. The requirements for English and maths are optional for apprentices aged 19+ at the start of their apprenticeship training.

There are no mandatory qualifications for this standard, however, employers may wish to include relevant qualifications to help structure the on-programme delivery.

If you have any queries regarding the gateway requirements, please contact your EPA Customer Engagement Manager at Highfield Assessment.

Order of end-point assessments

The order of end-point assessment will be as follows: the direct observation followed by the professional discussion. This will be discussed with the apprentice, training provider and/or employer with our scheduling team when scheduling the assessments to ensure that the learner is provided with the best opportunity to attempt the assessment.

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The Highfield approach

This section describes the approach Highfield has adopted in the development of this end-point assessment in terms of its interpretation of the requirements of the end-point assessment plan and other relevant documents.

Documents used in developing this end-point assessment

Standard (2016, ST083/01)

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/spectacle-maker/>

End-point assessment plan (2016, ST0383/AP01)

https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/media/1202/spectacle_maker.pdf

Specific considerations

In accordance with the spectacle maker assessment plan, Highfield has detailed which criteria must be covered within the direct observation and the professional discussion.

During the direct observation, wherever possible, situations and evidence should be naturally occurring. However, to ensure that all criteria can be covered, some simulation will be allowed to ensure total coverage of the standards. There will also be an opportunity for a brief Q&A session at the end of the direct observation, to cover any criteria that it has not been possible to assess.

The end-point assessment plan states that the professional discussion will be a structured discussion between the apprentice and the end-point assessor. The employer may be present to support, but not lead, the apprentice and to confirm information, at the assessor's request.

The employer will not be allowed to add any further information or examples to what the apprentice has stated or lead them in any way. Highfield would encourage the employer/training provider and the apprentice to plan for the professional discussion and consider what resources they may bring with them to support them during their professional discussion. This must be their own work and will only be used to support their discussion. The professional discussion should take place after the direct observation, to establish the apprentice's understanding and application of the remaining knowledge, skills and behaviours.

The end-point assessment plan states that both the direct observation and professional discussions should be 1-2 hours in duration. Within our guidance, we have stated that the maximum time of 2 hours is to be used, for both assessment methods, in order to ensure the learner is provided every possible opportunity to maximise their grade.

The end-point assessment plan states that to attain a Distinction grade, the apprentice must satisfy the EPA that they have achieved at least 64% (16 out of 25) of the Direct Observation criteria and 66% (26 out of 39) of the Professional Discussion criteria, however there is only 22 pieces of direct observation criteria and 38 professional discussion criteria within the plan. Therefore we have amended the grade in line with this to ensure it is still a percentage of 64% and 66%.

Gateway

How to prepare for gateway

After apprentices have completed their on-programme learning, they should be ready to pass through 'the gateway' to end-point assessment.

Gateway is a meeting that should be arranged between the apprentice, employer and training provider to determine that the apprentice is ready to undertake their end-point assessment. The apprentice should prepare for this meeting by bringing along work-based evidence including:

- customer feedback
- recordings
- manager statements
- witness statements

As well as evidence from others, such as:

- mid and end-of-year performance reviews
- feedback to show how they have met the apprenticeship standards while on-programme

In advance of gateway, apprentices will need to have completed the following. The requirements for English and maths listed below are mandatory for all apprentices aged between 16-18 at the start of their apprenticeship training. The requirements for English and maths listed below are optional for apprentices aged 19+ at the start of their apprenticeship training.

- Achieved level 2 English
- Achieved level 2 maths

Apprentices should be advised by employers and providers to gather this evidence throughout their on-programme training. It is recommended that employers and providers complete regular checks and reviews of this evidence to ensure the apprentice is progressing and achieving standards before the formal gateway meeting is arranged.

The gateway meeting

The gateway meeting should last around 1 hour and must be completed on or after the apprenticeship on-programme end date. It should be attended by the apprentice and the relevant people who have worked with the apprentice on-programme, such as the line manager/employer or mentor, the on-programme trainer/training provider and/or a senior manager (as appropriate to the business).

During the meeting, the apprentice, employer and training provider will discuss the apprentice's progress to date and confirm if the apprentice has met the full criteria of the apprenticeship standard during their on-programme training. The following gateway readiness report should be used to log the outcomes of the meeting and should be agreed by all 3 parties. The report should then be submitted to Highfield to initiate the end-point assessment process. If you require any support completing the Gateway Readiness Report, please contact your EPA Customer Engagement Manager at Highfield Assessment.

Please note: a copy of the standard should be available to all attendees during the gateway meeting.

Reasonable adjustments and special considerations

Highfield Assessment has measures in place for apprentices who require additional support. Please refer to the Highfield Assessment Reasonable Adjustments Policy for further information/guidance.

ID requirements

All employers are required to ensure that each apprentice has their identification with them on the day of assessment so the end-point assessor/Highfield Assessment can check that the person undertaking the assessment is indeed the person they are claiming to be.

Highfield Assessment will accept the following as proof of an apprentice's identity:

- a valid passport (any nationality)
- a signed UK photocard driving licence
- a valid warrant card issued by HM forces or the police
- another photographic ID card, e.g. employee ID card, travel card, etc.

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Highfield Level 3 End-Point Assessment for Spectacle Maker Apprenticeship Standard

The following pages contain the Level 3 Spectacle Maker Apprenticeship Standard and the assessment criteria in a suggested format that is suitable for delivery.

Knowledge - Health and safety	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
K1 Know how to comply with relevant legislation and official guidance	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
<p>HS1 Demonstrate understanding of health and safety principles, employee and employer rights and responsibilities. Can describe the company procedures and documentation related to the above, and how to source further details. Knows the types of organisations that represent the industry and their roles (K1)</p>	<p>HS3 <i>Has a more detailed understanding of health and safety, COSHH, equality and employment responsibilities and can describe their role in the company around these. Understands the company procedures for the above, in addition to statutory rules. Can source details and reference outside bodies, and can demonstrate understanding of the roles and activities of different organisations in the optical industry and other overseeing bodies (K1)</i></p>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibit knowledge and understanding of a range of employer and employee statutory rights and responsibilities under employment law: rights and responsibilities under the Employment Rights Act (1996); *Equality Act (2010); health and safety legislation; responsibilities and duties of employers 	

- Exhibit knowledge and understanding of the organisation's procedures and documentation that recognise and protect the relationship with the apprentice
- Show knowledge and understanding of the range of sources of information and advice available on employment rights and responsibilities
- Exhibit knowledge of the types of representative bodies and understand their relevance within the optical industry and their main roles and responsibilities

*This legislation is now The Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act) Act

Direct observation

Learning outcome

K2 Understand the importance of environmental protection

To pass	To achieve a distinction
HS2 Knows the potential hazards present in the lab working environment, how to deal with them and implement waste disposal according to product (K2)	HS4 <i>Knowledge of COSHH and the products under its regulations, the implications of poor hazard/risk analysis and waste disposal, and detail the potential environmental issues in both the lab and wider business (K2)</i>

Amplification

- Identify typical environmental hazards in an optical production unit
- Describe the environmental issues around waste disposal
- Implement the procedures for waste disposal
- Implement the disposal procedures for packaging

Knowledge - Materials	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
K3 Be able to identify lenses appropriate for given prescriptions	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MA1 Can provide details of lens materials, types, uses and some basic technical information (K3)	MA3 <i>Can detail the challenges and benefits of various lens types and materials, and further detail on how multifocals work (K3)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the properties of lens materials Describe single vision, bifocal and progressive power lens type 	
Learning outcome	
K4 Understand the materials used in spectacle frames	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MA2 Can describe a number of common frame materials and list various parts correctly (K4)	MA4 <i>Can provide details on the different frame materials used, how they differ in performance, and provide more detail on parts (K4)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the materials used in spectacle frames Describe the properties of spectacle frame materials List the components of a spectacle frame by their BS EN terms 	

Unit amplification

Single vision, bifocal and progressive power lens type

Single vision - 1 prescription, e.g. reading or distance

Bifocal - 2 elements of prescriptions on lens, can vary between distance, intermediate and near

Progressive power lens (PPL) - variable focus lens, blended surface incorporating distance, intermediate and near

BS EN terms

Table 1 - Tolerances on the back vertex power of single-vision and multifocal lenses (values in dioptres)

Power of principal meridian with higher absolute back vertex power	Tolerance on the back vertex power of each principal meridian	Tolerance of the cylindrical power			
		$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$> 6,00$
$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 3,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,09$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	-
$> 3,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 9,00$ and $\leq 12,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 12,00$ and $\leq 20,00$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 20,00$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,37$

Table 2 - Tolerances on the back vertex power of progressive- and degressive-power lenses (values in dioptres)

Power of principal meridian with higher absolute back vertex power	Tolerance on the back vertex power of each principal meridian	Tolerance of the cylindrical power			
		$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$> 6,00$
$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$

> 6,00 and ≤ 9,00	± 0,18	± 0,18	± 0,18	± 0,18	± 0,25
> 9,00 and ≤ 12,00	± 0,18	± 0,18	± 0,18	± 0,25	± 0,25
> 12,00 and ≤ 20,00	± 0,25	± 0,18	± 0,25	± 0,25	± 0,25
> 20,00	± 0,37	± 0,25	± 0,25	± 0,37	± 0,37

Table 3 - Tolerances on the direction of cylinder axis

Absolute cylindrical power (values in dioptres)	≥ 0,125 and ≤ 0,25	> 0,25 and ≤ 0,50	> 0,50 and ≤ 0,75	> 0,75 and ≤ 1,50	> 1,50 and ≤ 2,50	> 2,50
Tolerance on the axis direction (values in degrees)	± 16	± 9	± 6	± 4	± 3	± 2

Table 4 - Tolerances on the addition power for multifocal and progressive-power lenses (values in dioptres)

Value of the addition power	≤ 4,00	> 4,00
Tolerance	± 0,12	± 0,18

Table 5 - Prism imbalance (relative prism error) tolerances for single-vision and multifocal lenses

Higher absolute ordered component prism value Δ	Tolerance on the horizontal component (Relative to the ordered centration distance)	Tolerance on the vertical component (Relative to the ordered centration distance)
≥ 0,00 and ≤ 2,00	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 to ≤ 3,25 D 0,67 Δ For powers ^a > 3,25 D the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 and ≤ 5,00 D 0,50 Δ For powers ^a > 5,00 D the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
> 2,00 and ≤ 10,00	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 to ≤ 3,25 D	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 and ≤ 5,00 D

	1,00 Δ For powers ^a > 3,25 D 0,33 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	0,75 Δ For powers ^a > 5,00 D 0,25 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
> 10,00	For powers ^a \geq 0,00 to \leq 3,25 D 1,25 Δ For powers ^a > 3,25 D 0,58 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a \geq 0,00 and \leq 5,00 D 1,00 Δ For powers ^a > 5,00 D 0,50 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
^a These tolerances are applied to the lowest absolute principal power of the pair of lenses		

Knowledge - Tools	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
K5 Understand how to check finished spectacle specifications against the received order	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TO1 Can provide details of what is needed to carry out QC , and detail the functions used when checking prism and power (K5)	TO5 <i>Knows all essential tools and equipment required and can confidently check power and prism with little/no supervision (K5)</i>
Amplification	
QC - quality control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the equipment required for the final verification and quality check Describe the use of the focimeter for verifying lens power and prism 	

Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
K6 Have a practical understanding of optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TO2 Can detail the processes and systems required to effectively glaze a variety of lenses (K6)	TO6 <i>Knows how to set up more complex lenses/frames to glaze, and can explain the operation of a number of optical equipment items (K6)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the principles of optical machinery Explain the operation of optical machinery Set up optical machinery for a full range of products 	
Learning outcome	
K7 Be able to calibrate precision optical manufacturing machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TO3 Know when to do a calibration and what is involved; correct errors on edger displays (K7)	TO7 <i>Can plan for and carry out calibration, examine any data provided and determine the outcome, analyse error messages and know how to interpret the data (K7)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain when to calibrate precision optical machinery Calibrate precision optical machinery Correct optical machinery with an error message or fault indication 	
Learning outcome	
K8 Have a practical understanding of 'first-line maintenance' for optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction

TO4 Can carry out basic optical equipment maintenance, record what is done and any outcomes. Describe the consequences of a poor maintenance regime (K8)	TO8 <i>Performs detailed first-line maintenance, records data and can analyse its meaning and potential issues, and provide detailed description of the results of poor maintenance (K8)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate completion of a maintenance schedule or services log • Complete first-line maintenance on optical machinery • Describe the consequences of not carrying out regular maintenance 	
Unit amplification	
<p>Focimeter Used to read the prescription and take measurements of lenses</p> <p>Lens power and prism Two elements of a prescription measured by a focimeter</p> <p>Optical machinery Different machines used in the production of spectacles e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focimeter • auto edger/hand edger • blocker • tint unit • frame heater 	

Knowledge - Quality	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
K9 Understand quality control methods and the use of standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU1 Understanding the basic principles of quality checking and can perform QC practically. Understand different production checks and describe how they use standards (K9)	QU6 Can explain the benefits of good QC process, and process more complex orders through quality checking, using standards accurately and describing how/why. Good knowledge of different product quality checks (K9)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of quality control • Describe the procedure for quality inspection of a given uncut lens type before dispatch • Compare and contrast quality inspection procedures in given lens production methods • Explain how and why standards are used in quality inspection and control 	
Learning outcome	
K10 Assure uncut spectacle lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU2 Can describe the differences between lens types and identify surface defects and explain how they happen. Use tolerances for surface inspection and returns processes as applicable (K10)	QU7 Has detailed knowledge of lens types and different forms. Can identify various defects and explain how they can happen and be prevented. Can apply tolerances to surface inspection accurately and document findings in the required detail (K10)

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the features of uncut lenses Identify the types of surface and material defects Explain the problems associated with types of surface and material defects Assure uncut spectacle lenses to BS EN ISO standards Complete the required quality documentation 	
Learning outcome	
K11 Demonstrate the importance of record-keeping	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU3 Can access essential reports and records, explain the data and reasons for keeping it (K11)	QU8 Can access report data, show analysis of the information, the benefits for keeping it and how it fits with other store data recording (K11)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source reports and explain their relevance Explain, interpret and evaluate report information Explain the benefits of good record-keeping 	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
K12 Be able to visually inspect lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU4 Can spot faults in cut and uncut lenses, check shapes are symmetrical and assess cosmetic appearance to company and industry standards (K12)	QU9 Can provide reasons for faults and errors found and how to correct them, knows how to adjust symmetry issues before and/or after cutting, and can accurately use company and industry standards to assess quality (K12)

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify defects and faults in lens uncuts Identify defects and faults in edged lenses Ensure the symmetry of lens shapes Judge the cosmetic appearance of the spectacles Use BS EN ISO standards to aid visual inspection of uncut and edged lenses 	
Learning outcome	
K13 Be able to assure assembled spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU5 Knows how to deal with a variety of frame materials and can check the finished job against the order for the right parameters at QC. Can correctly check against standards and take the correct action if incorrect. Use of manual and automatic focimeter types (K13)	<i>QU10 Can explain the differences between various frame materials, how they are handled and cleaned, and set up adjustments. Accurately check orders and explain how/why certain actions are performed. Good knowledge of standards and tolerances, and taking corrective action if errors found. Use of manual and automatic focimeter types (K13)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the properties of lens and frame materials with regard to handling and cleaning Ensure that the prescription specifications match the order specification Verify that the form and positioning of the lenses match the order specification Verify that all the specifications match the order specification Use BS EN ISO standards to aid the verification of finished spectacles Take appropriate action if the spectacles do not match the order specification Demonstrate the use of 2 focimeter types that use different principles to measure lens power 	
Unit amplification	

Uncut lenses

Uncut (or 'blank') - the lenses received in the lab, before they are cut to shape. Circular or elliptical lenses from the prescription manufacturer.

BS EN ISO standards

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$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 9,00$ and $\leq 12,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 12,00$ and $\leq 20,00$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
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$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 9,00$ and $\leq 12,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
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$> 2,00$ and $\leq 10,00$	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ to $\leq 3,25$ D $1,00 \Delta$ For powers ^a $> 3,25$ D $0,33 \Delta$ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 5,00$ D $0,75 \Delta$ For powers ^a $> 5,00$ D $0,25 \Delta$ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement

> 10,00	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 to ≤ 3,25 D 1,25 Δ	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 and ≤ 5,00 D 1,00 Δ
	For powers ^a > 3,25 D 0,58 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a > 5,00 D 0,50 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
^a These tolerances are applied to the lowest absolute principal power of the pair of lenses		

Edged lenses

Edged - lens once manufactured in the lab, to correct shape and size

Focimeter

Used to read the prescription and take measurements of lenses (pass = single vision, distinction = bifocal and varifocals)

Knowledge - Construction of spectacles	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
K14 Understand the processes for the range of lens treatments for spectacle lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS1 Knows the fundamental elements of why/how we apply lens treatments, and select the correct lens options accordingly (K14)	CS8 Has a broad technical understanding of the various treatments, their application process and purpose, and how to select the right lens types/materials (K14)

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the types of lens treatments • Explain the purpose of tinting • Explain the purpose of antireflection coatings • Explain the purpose of hydrophobic coatings • Outline the processes of lens tinting and coatings • Explain the purpose of toughening lens materials • Explain lens toughening processes • Select suitable types of lens materials for specified lens treatments 	
Learning outcome	
K15 Ensure that frame components prior to glazing meet the required specifications	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS2 Can describe a number of common frame materials and list various parts correctly (K15)	CS9 Can provide details on the different frame materials used, how they differ in performance, and provide more detail on parts (K15)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify modern frame materials • Describe the properties of modern frame materials • State the BS EN ISO terms for frame components • Demonstrate the measurement of spectacle frames • Demonstrate the adjustment of spectacle frames to the order specification 	
Learning outcome	
K16 Know the optical and physical properties of multifocal lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS3 Understand the design and use of multifocals, how they differ and how they are manufactured. Work out the prism in reading area and can describe prism control bifocals (K16)	CS10 Can identify different multifocal types and describe how they differ in both identity and performance, and with more technical elements included (curvature, addition, inset, etc.) Understand the

	<i>prismatic effect in reading area and discuss the prism control bifocal in detail (K16)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the terms relating to multifocal lenses • Describe multifocal lens designs • Compare and contrast the manufacturing processes of multifocals • Compare and contrast the optical and physical performance of multifocal lenses • Calculate prismatic effects in the reading portion of bifocals and trifocals • Describe prism-controlled bifocals, using calculations and illustrations where appropriate 	
Learning outcome	
K17 Understand the anatomical structures of the eye	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS4 Can identify and describe the basic anatomical structures (K17)	CS11 Can detail how certain anatomical structures work in conjunction to each other (K17)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the anatomical structures of the eye • Describe the functions of the non-refracting elements of the eye 	
Learning outcome	
K18 Understand the effect of a lens on light and how it relates to the correction of refractive error	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS5 Knows the basic function of eye structures and how to correct refractive errors. Use correct terms for errors and describe lens types to use (K18)	CS12 Can illustrate knowledge on refractive errors, how to correct, what the impact is on vision, before and after correction, and the correlation of prescription and refractive error (K18)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the effect of a positive lens on incident light • Describe the effect of a negative lens on incident light 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the refracting elements of the eye Explain the causes of refractive errors in the eye Explain the classification of refractive errors in the eye Explain how spectacle lens power relates to refractive error Explain how a spectacle lens corrects a refractive error 	
Learning outcome	
K19 Know the range of spectacle lens types for vision correction	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS6 Can describe various lens types, their properties and optical uses (K19)	CS13 <i>Can describe various lens types, how they are used, the material seen, the variations in technical information on a given lens (Abbe no., index, thickness, etc.), benefits over other products (K19)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify modern single-vision lens types Identify modern multifocal lens types Explain the physical properties of specified lens types Explain the optical properties of specified lens types 	
Learning outcome	
K20 The historical and contemporary context of spectacle making	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS7 Can describe the basic parts of spectacle makers' history and modern-day context, and can describe the importance of maintaining industry knowledge (K20)	CS14 <i>Has more detailed understanding of spectacle makers' history and involvement in wider optical bodies, its current format and how their industry knowledge could influence their care (K20)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the wider context of spectacle making in terms of historical origins and its current technical development Identify the importance of continually updating knowledge about the wider context of spectacle making 	
Unit amplification	

Lens treatments

Tinting - apply a dye or colour to a lens

Antireflection coating - process of applying a coating to aid with reducing reflection from a lens surface. This is applied through a vacuum chamber process.

Hydrophobic coating - additional coating process to add a water-repellent coating to the lens

Lens toughening

The process of enabling an optical lens to be compliant to safety eyewear standards

BS EN ISO terms

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		$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$> 6,00$
$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 3,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,09$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	-
$> 3,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 9,00$ and $\leq 12,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 12,00$ and $\leq 20,00$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 20,00$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,37$

Table 2 - Tolerances on the back vertex power of progressive- and degressive-power lenses (values in dioptres)

Power of principal meridian with higher absolute back vertex power	Tolerance on the back vertex power of each principal meridian	Tolerance of the cylindrical power			
		$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$> 6,00$
$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 9,00$ and $\leq 12,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
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Table 3 - Tolerances on the direction of cylinder axis

Absolute cylindrical power (values in dioptres)	$\geq 0,125$ and $\leq 0,25$	$> 0,25$ and $\leq 0,50$	$> 0,50$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 1,50$	$> 1,50$ and $\leq 2,50$	$> 2,50$
Tolerance on the axis direction (values in degrees)	± 16	± 9	± 6	± 4	± 3	± 2

Table 4 - Tolerances on the addition power for multifocal and progressive-power lenses (values in dioptres)

Value of the addition power	$\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$
Tolerance	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$

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Higher absolute ordered component prism value	Tolerance on the horizontal component (Relative to the ordered centration distance)	Tolerance on the vertical component (Relative to the ordered centration distance)
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$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 2,00$	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ to $\leq 3,25$ D 0,67 Δ For powers ^a $> 3,25$ D the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 5,00$ D 0,50 Δ For powers ^a $> 5,00$ D the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
$> 2,00$ and $\leq 10,00$	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ to $\leq 3,25$ D 1,00 Δ For powers ^a $> 3,25$ D 0,33 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 5,00$ D 0,75 Δ For powers ^a $> 5,00$ D 0,25 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
$> 10,00$	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ to $\leq 3,25$ D 1,25 Δ For powers ^a $> 3,25$ D 0,58 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 5,00$ D 1,00 Δ For powers ^a $> 5,00$ D 0,50 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
^a These tolerances are applied to the lowest absolute principal power of the pair of lenses		

Multifocal, bifocals and trifocals lenses

Lenses with various focal elements, e.g. bifocal = 2, trifocal = 3

Prismatic effects

How vision is affected from one focal point to another, e.g. distance to near or vice versa

Anatomical structures of the eye

The various refractive and non-refractive elements of the eye's structure

Non-refracting elements of the eye

Non-refracting - the components of the eye that are not involved in refraction and form the structure of the eye e.g. sclera

Positive/negative lens on incident light

How a prescription lens affects the path of light through the eye based on a visual defect, e.g. myopia (negative lens/short-sightedness)

Refracting elements of the eye

Refracting - the path of light through the eye and its focus, e.g. cornea

Modern single-vision lens types

Single vision - a lens with only one power

Modern multifocal lens types

Multifocal - a lens with multiple powers

Physical properties of specified lens types

Physical properties - to describe the appearance of a lens form or design

Optical properties of specified lens types

Optical properties - to describe the purpose of the optical function of a lens form or design

Knowledge - The manufacture, service and repair of spectacles	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
K21 Be able to perform arithmetical calculations for optical manufacturing	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS1 Correctly complete the set questions provided; arithmetic calculations, use of BODMAS, etc. (K21)	MS11 Describe reasons why/how these calculations would be used in practical optics (K21)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform arithmetical operations using mathematical priorities Perform calculations involving reciprocals Perform calculations involving squares and square roots 	
Learning outcome	
K22 Be able to apply the properties of circles and right-angled triangles to optical manufacturing	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS2 Label parts of a circle and discuss where these apply in optical manufacturing. Use of SIN, COS, TAN in calculating right-angled triangle parameters and how these relate to optics (K22)	MS12 Provide further detail on how the circle and right-angled triangle definitions fit into optical manufacturing and where they might be used (K22)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the properties of a circle using appropriate terminology Relate the properties of a circle to applications in optical manufacturing Explain the properties of a right-angled triangle Explain what is meant by sine, cosine and tangent Calculate the parameters of a right-angled triangle Relate the properties of right-angled triangles to optical manufacturing 	
Learning outcome	
K23 Understand how values for lens properties are obtained using fundamental lens formulae	

To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS3 Correctly complete the set questions provided; lens power, focal length, radius of surface, etc. (K23)	MS13 Show full working out, and describe reasons why/how these calculations would be used in practical optics (K23)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the standard symbols for fundamental lens parameters Ascribe a value to fundamental formulae in optical manufacturing 	
Learning outcome	
K24 Be able to use graphs	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS4 Can accurately produce graphical info from data and work back from graphs too. Provide examples of where this is used in their role (K24)	MS14 Can interpret graphical data in both directions, analyse its importance/relevance and state when/where graphs and data analysis would be used (K24)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a line graph from a table of data Extract graphical data Interpret graphical data Give examples of graphs used within optical manufacturing 	
Learning outcome	
K25 Demonstrate the importance of record-keeping	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS5 Can access essential reports and records, explain the data and reasons for keeping it (K25)	MS15 Can access report data, show analysis of the information, the benefits for keeping it and how it fits with other store data recording (K25)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source reports and explain their relevance Explain, interpret and evaluate report information 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the benefits of good record-keeping 	
Learning outcome	
K26 Understand the principles of stock control	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS6 Explains the stock control process, data tracking involved and advantages of good/disadvantages of bad stock control (K26)	MS16 <i>Can provide evidence of jobs affected by good and bad stock control and records of the results (K26)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the need for keeping stock control Accurately record stock control data List the advantages of good stock control List the disadvantages of poor stock control 	
Learning outcome	
K27 Understand the audit process in stock control	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS7 Can perform audits as required and describe the benefits of stock audit (K27)	MS17 <i>Knows the benefits and challenges of auditing stock products and can accurately detail the process (K27)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how materials are audited within the stock system Explain the importance of the audit of stock 	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
K28 Demonstrate the management of quality processes and the application of the relevant quality standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS8 Understands how quality management has an impact on the lab performance and knows the internal structure. Can identify	MS18 <i>Can describe the consequences of poor-quality management, describe the process in place and how it fits with other store data,</i>

tolerances as required and knows how to process an order that does not comply (K28)	<i>use tolerances and standards accurately and detail the processes for dealing with errors found (K28)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how the management of quality has been applied • Explain the quality processes in place • Identify tolerances for a given prescription order using current BS EN ISO standards • Implement procedures when a given prescription does not meet the required standards 	
Learning outcome	
K29 Be able to operate the processes of stock control for optical products	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS9 Knows how to process new stock products through the lab, use records and systems correctly, and identify stock-holding issues (K29)	<i>MS19 Knows how to process stock in and out using the systems in place, audit and manage stock accurately and ensure the products are stored correctly (K29)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with incoming stock • Deal with outgoing stock • Record the movement of stock • Monitor stock levels • Operate stock replacement procedures • Check and monitor product expiry dates 	
Learning outcome	
K30 Be able to answer technical questions from other staff and customers	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS10 Can discuss technical queries with colleagues to a successful conclusion (K30)	<i>MS20 Can describe the details around why the order has a technical question, and how to resolve it (K30)</i>
Amplification	

- Liaise with colleagues regarding technical queries

Unit amplification

Standard symbols for fundamental lens parameters and fundamental formulae in optical manufacturing

Use of focal length and radius of curvature calculations and their application in manufacturing optics

BS EN ISO standards

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$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$

> 9,00 and ≤ 12,00	± 0,18	± 0,18	± 0,18	± 0,25	± 0,25
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> 2,00 and ≤ 10,00	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 to ≤ 3,25 D 1,00 Δ	For powers ^a ≥ 0,00 and ≤ 5,00 D 0,75 Δ

	For powers ^a > 3,25 D 0,33 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a > 5,00 D 0,25 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
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Skills - Health & safety and working environment	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
S1 Understand the importance of environmental protection	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HW1 Can describe what environmental hazards are present in the lab (and store if applicable), and show the processes for different types of waste disposal (S1)	HW4 Describe specific products and processes in the lab (and store if applicable) that pose a hazard, what the implication of such hazards might be, and how to dispose of specific waste products and what the processes are for disposal of packaging (S1)

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify typical environmental hazards in an optical production unit Describe the environmental issues around waste disposal Implement the procedures for waste disposal Implement the disposal procedures for packaging 	
Learning outcome	
S2 Be able to respond appropriately to accidents and incidents in the workplace	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HW2 Explain their own responsibilities to the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, and what emergency response processes are in place (S2)	HW5 Can explain the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act in terms of employer/employee responsibilities, who is involved in incident reporting and the emergency/alarm procedures (S2)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain employees' responsibilities regarding health and safety at work Respond to emergency situations at work Use emergency response equipment Explain the use of alarm systems 	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
S3 Be able to follow the health and safety regulations in an optical production workplace	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HW3 Can demonstrate understanding of the needs of Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, any company standards that apply, COSHH regulations and how this information is communicated in the business (S3)	HW6 Can describe the importance of following, and consequences of not following, health and safety guidelines and company standards. Can explain the reasons for COSHH regulations, and describe the process for reporting incidents (S3)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show that they know the location of the essential health and safety regulations in the workplace 	

- Show that they know the objectives of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act
- Show that they know the requirements of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations
- Show that they know their company rules relating to health and safety
- Describe the lines of communication regarding health and safety issues

Skills - Technical interpretation and understanding	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
S4 Be able to process orders and information accurately	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
T11 Demonstrate the ability to understand orders, process the data and discuss the technical terms used. Can identify and correct errors found (S4)	T14 Discuss in detail the reasons for specific terms, how data can affect an order, how errors can cause further issues and elaborate on what they could be. Can accurately deal with error correction and the processes around it (S4)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the significance of elements of a given spectacle order • Use order information to be able to process an order • Explain the technical terms used on optical orders • Identify errors on a given order • Correct errors on an order 	
Learning outcome	
S5 Be able to interpret orders for spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
T12 Can describe order document contents, various order types, transpose prescriptions and explain the links between order content and successful lens delivery (S5)	T15 Can explain the interaction of various elements of an order document, the different ordering processes available, and how to

	<i>transpose. Understands and can explain the variations that can result from incorrect information on orders (S5)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to interpret orders for spectacles • Describe the content of prescription order forms for spectacles • Outline the different types of spectacle orders • Transpose ophthalmic prescriptions • Explain how the process of ordering relates to the overall manufacturing process 	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
S6 Be able to answer technical questions from other staff and customers	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
T13 Can deal with basic technical enquiries and customer interaction (S6)	T16 <i>Can demonstrate effective technical resolution, and comfortably communicate with customers in a wide range of situations (S6)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with colleagues regarding technical queries • Communicate with customers regarding technical queries 	
Unit amplification	
Ophthalmic prescriptions Understanding prescription information and transposition	

Skills - Manufacturing and repair processes	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
S7 Have a practical understanding of optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR1 Demonstrates ability and knowledge in how to start the glazing process with fundamental edger settings (S7)	MR10 Can understand and demonstrate why edgers are set up for different products and materials and can describe/demonstrate the outcomes of the settings used (S7)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the principles of optical machinery Explain the operation of optical machinery Set up optical machinery for a full range of products 	
Learning outcome	
S8 Be able to calibrate precision optical manufacturing machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR2 Knows how and when to perform calibration processes and deal with edger errors/faults (S8)	MR11 Can explain the reasons for calibration, what the positive and negative effects can be, and the reasons behind errors and faults observed on edgers and cut lenses (S8)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain when to calibrate precision optical machinery Calibrate precision optical machinery Correct optical machinery with an error message or fault indication 	
Learning outcome	
S9 Be able to demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of lenses, their materials and their alternative forms	
To pass	To achieve a distinction

MR3 Can perform basic transposition, lens power measurements, and visually identify lens products (S9)	MR12 Understands the reasons for transposition, what powers/meridians mean and how lenses of different types of power differ from each other in appearance (S9)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transpose to an alternate sph/cyl for a given prescription • Identify principal powers of a given prescription • Identify different types of lenses by inspection 	
Learning outcome	
S10 Be able to source the full range of manufacturing parameters and adjustments that are technically possible	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR4 Can perform/source basic frame and lens measurements and decide on suitable/unsuitable lenses accordingly (S10)	MR13 Can demonstrate the interaction of prescription and frame measurements and the effect this can have on the finished item (S10)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the correct uncut based on an order • Explain the limitations of a given lens product based on prescription and measurements • Make recommendations if an uncut is not available for a given order 	
Learning outcome	
S11 Demonstrate the processes of stock control for optical product	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR5 Can demonstrate general stock product management process, and discuss the benefits (S11)	MR14 Can advise colleagues on stock process, and manage stock process independently (S11)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with incoming and outgoing stock • Record the movement of stock • Monitor and maintain stock levels • Explain the benefits of good stock control 	

Learning outcome	
S12 Understand the manufacturing and administrative journey of an order	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR6 Demonstrate knowledge of prescription lens glazing/manufacturing process, and the admin involved, including stock control (S12)	MR15 Can accurately describe how to manufacture different prescription lenses and glaze different frame types, what reports or administration is involved and what forms of stock control might be required (S12)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the sequence of processes for manufacturing a given order Describe the administrative processes for manufacturing a given order Demonstrate the processes of stock control for optical products 	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
S13 Be able to operate the processes of stock control for optical products	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR7 Knows how to process new stock products through the lab, use records and systems correctly, and identify stock issues (S13)	MR16 Knows how to process new and existing orders for stock products in and out using the systems in place, audit and manage stock accurately and ensure the products are stored correctly (S13)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal with incoming stock Deal with outgoing stock Record the movement of stock Monitor stock levels Operate stock replacement procedures Check and monitor product expiry dates 	
Learning outcome	

S14 Understand and work within any restrictions placed on any design	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR8 Prepare various lenses for glazing. Set up machinery for different types of lenses and frames. Cut and fit lenses. Hand edge lenses to fit. Set up frames for QC. Inspect and report on finished glasses. Set up and glaze a non-standard job (S14)	<i>MR17 Provide further commentary on more detail around these processes; why set up edgers in a particular way; when to hand edge, when not to; how to correct sizing issues on the edger; how to adjust various frame types/materials and what set-up is expected; can prepare a detailed report on finished jobs, whether correct or if faults were found (S14)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay off lenses for glazing to a given specification • Prepare glazing machinery to edge lenses • Edge the lenses using glazing machinery • Hand edge the lenses to fit the spectacle frame • Set up finished spectacles ready for verification and dispatch • Inspect the finished spectacles • Provide a report on the finished spectacles • Lay off a pair of nonstandard lenses for glazing 	
Learning outcome	
S15 Be able to glaze a variety of spectacle types	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR9 Can prepare a variety of lens and frame types for glazing (S15)	<i>MR18 Can apply further special instructions/settings on equipment used (S15)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay off a variety of lenses for glazing to a given specification 	
Unit amplification	
Optical machinery	

Different machines used in the production of spectacles, e.g.:

- focimeter
- auto edger
- blocker
- hand edger
- tint unit
- frame heater

Sph /cyl

Different parts of the prescription

Sphere - single

Cyl - dual, to fix astigmatism

Glazing machinery

Edger and blocker - examples of optical machinery

Skills - Tools and equipment	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
S16 Have a practical understanding of 'first-line' maintenance for optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TE1 Knows the basic needs of maintenance of equipment and the recording of data, and knows the benefits/disadvantages of this (S16)	TE2 <i>Can maintain all lab equipment to a satisfactory level, record any resultant information logically and can identify the extended issues of poor maintenance (S16)</i>

Amplification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate completion of a maintenance schedule or services log • Complete 'first line' maintenance on optical machinery • Describe the consequences of not carrying out regular maintenance

Skills - Quality	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
S17 Understand quality control methods and the use of standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT1 Understanding the basic principles of quality checking and can perform QC practically. Understand different production checks and describe how they use standards (S17)	QT9 Can explain the benefits of good QC process, and is able to process more complex orders through quality checking, using standards accurately and describing how/why. Good knowledge of different product quality checks and when/where they apply to the manufacturing process (S17)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of quality control • Demonstrate the procedure for quality inspection of a given uncut lens type before dispatch • Compare and contrast quality inspection procedures in given lens production methods • Explain how and why standards are used in quality inspection and control 	
Learning outcome	
S18 Demonstrate the importance of record-keeping	

To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT2 Knows where to access productivity data; can describe why and how we use it and the benefits of using data (S18)	QT10 Can access, describe and correlate various types of productivity data, and explain the benefits and challenges around this (S18)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source reports and explain their relevance Explain, interpret and evaluate report information Explain the benefits of good record-keeping 	
Learning outcome	
S19 Understand the labelling requirements for spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT3 Can explain the MDD labelling requirements (S19)	QT11 Is able to translate incorrect labelling into possible consequences for the customer (S19)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the labelling requirements of the Medical Devices Directive Explain the importance of correct labelling 	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
S20 Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of maintaining quality throughout the process of receiving orders and then manufacturing	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT4 Can resolve basic errors and problems effectively (S20)	QT12 Can deal with more complex order errors and resolve issues accurately and with limited/no supervision (S20)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out the process for dealing with problems or errors in received orders Carry out the process for dealing with problems or errors during and after manufacture 	

Learning outcome	
S21 Understand quality control methods and the use of standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT5 Understanding the basic principles of quality checking and can perform QC practically. Understand different production checks and describe how they use standards (S21)	QT13 Can explain the benefits of good QC process, and process more complex orders through quality checking, using standards accurately and describing how/why. Good knowledge of different elements of product quality checking (S21)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of quality control • Demonstrate the procedure for quality inspection of a given uncut lens type before dispatch • Compare and contrast quality inspection procedures in given lens production methods • Explain how and why standards are used in quality inspection and control 	
Learning outcome	
S22 Demonstrate the management of quality processes and the application of the relevant optical quality standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT6 Functional understanding of QC process, essential tolerances and standards. Can identify and rectify errors found, and manage the process of remaking an order (S22)	QT14 Detailed knowledge of QC process and the tools and standards used. Tolerance knowledge is good, with ability to use without prompts. Can identify, correct and advise on errors, faults or challenges with completing an order correctly, and manage the entire remake process (S22)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the quality processes in place • Identify tolerances for a given prescription order using current BS EN ISO standards • Implement procedures when a given prescription does not meet the required standards • Show how the management of quality has been applied 	
Learning outcome	

S23 Be able to implement the process for the dispatch of spectacle orders	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT7 Demonstrate the final checks and processes in place, how this is documented and processed for dispatch (S23)	QT15 Describe the reasons for quality checking, how this varies from start to finish, the various dispatch and documentation processes for different orders, and costs applicable to different types of order (S23)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake the final quality checks required before dispatch to the customer Dispatch a range of finished orders Use the types of documentation for dispatching orders Discuss the relative costs of different shipping methods 	
Learning outcome	
S24 Be able to pack spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT8 Can describe the variations for different order types (S24)	QT16 Understands the reasons and routes for different order types and how/why they are packaged accordingly (S24)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake typical procedures for packaging Explain why particular methods of packaging are used 	
Unit amplification	

Medical Devices Directive

Understanding the use of CE and UKCA guidelines and their requirements

BS EN ISO standards

Table 1 - Tolerances on the back vertex power of single-vision and multifocal lenses (values in dioptres)

Power of principal meridian with higher absolute back vertex power	Tolerance on the back vertex power of each principal meridian	Tolerance of the cylindrical power			
		$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$> 6,00$
$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 3,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,09$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	-
$> 3,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 9,00$ and $\leq 12,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 12,00$ and $\leq 20,00$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 20,00$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,37$

Table 2 - Tolerances on the back vertex power of progressive- and degressive-power lenses (values in dioptres)

Power of principal meridian with higher absolute back vertex power	Tolerance on the back vertex power of each principal meridian	Tolerance of the cylindrical power			
		$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$> 6,00$
$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 6,00$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 6,00$ and $\leq 9,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 9,00$ and $\leq 12,00$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 12,00$ and $\leq 20,00$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,18$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$
$> 20,00$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,37$	$\pm 0,37$

Table 3 - Tolerances on the direction of cylinder axis

Absolute cylindrical power (values in dioptres)	$\geq 0,125$ and $\leq 0,25$	$> 0,25$ and $\leq 0,50$	$> 0,50$ and $\leq 0,75$	$> 0,75$ and $\leq 1,50$	$> 1,50$ and $\leq 2,50$	$> 2,50$
Tolerance on the axis direction (values in degrees)	± 16	± 9	± 6	± 4	± 3	± 2

Table 4 - Tolerances on the addition power for multifocal and progressive-power lenses (values in dioptres)

Value of the addition power	$\leq 4,00$	$> 4,00$
Tolerance	$\pm 0,12$	$\pm 0,18$

Table 5 - Prism imbalance (relative prism error) tolerances for single-vision and multifocal lenses

Higher absolute ordered component prism value Δ	Tolerance on the horizontal component (Relative to the ordered centration distance)	Tolerance on the vertical component (Relative to the ordered centration distance)
$\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 2,00$	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ to $\leq 3,25$ D 0,67 Δ For powers ^a $> 3,25$ D the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 5,00$ D 0,50 Δ For powers ^a $> 5,00$ D the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
$> 2,00$ and $\leq 10,00$	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ to $\leq 3,25$ D 1,00 Δ For powers ^a $> 3,25$ D 0,33 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 5,00$ D 0,75 Δ For powers ^a $> 5,00$ D 0,25 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
$> 10,00$	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ to $\leq 3,25$ D	For powers ^a $\geq 0,00$ and $\leq 5,00$ D

	1,25 Δ	1,00 Δ
	For powers ^a > 3,25 D 0,58 Δ + the prismatic effect of 2,0 mm displacement	For powers ^a > 5,00 D 0,50 Δ + the prismatic effect of 1,0 mm displacement
^a These tolerances are applied to the lowest absolute principal power of the pair of lenses		

Behaviours - Quality focused	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
B1 Follow policies and procedures, have a strong attention to detail and apply quality assurance checks through the spectacle repair or manufacturing process	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QF1 Demonstrate the ability to manage own workload, identify individual stages in manufacturing and change work role as required by day-to-day operational needs (B1)	QF2 Can manage own workload without supervision and assist in varied tasks/multitasking as required. Describe the 'job journey' through the lab process. Ensure that quality and environmental standards are maintained (B1)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break down complex tasks into stages Allocate time and resources to work efficiently Adapt to changing situations, maintain a tidy working environment and replace equipment after use 	

Behaviours - Professionalism	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
B2 Have a strong professional work ethic including pride in their work and attention to detail. Plan and manage time effectively	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
PR1 Can discuss appropriate and work-based content effectively and considerately with others, maintaining an appropriate attitude to work, while maintaining focus on the job and tasks as required (B2)	PR2 Understands the needs of others in the work environment, and can react positively to work requests as required. Has a positive approach to work requests and can demonstrate an empathic approach to others (B2)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate conversation Use questions confidently and appropriately Exhibit appropriate body language and attitude when dealing with colleagues 	

Behaviours - Self-development	
Professional discussion	
Learning outcome	
B3 Plan and manage continued professional development	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SD1 Understands the importance of continuing development, can highlight individual elements and how the business is supporting them. Can provide evidence of colleague interaction and adaptation of work-based skills to adjust to their role (B3)	SD4 Knows the importance of personal development, to both self and the business. Can provide evidence of 1-2-1, review and colleague-supported development. Knows the opportunities for support in the business and can evidence any external contact and skill changes/improvements through development (B3)

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify current experience, skills, knowledge and understanding through the 1-2-1 process Identify the benefits of continuous personal development Identify the importance of reviewing training and development objectives Determine the organisational procedure for supporting training and development issues Evidence regular contact with other individuals within the optical industry 	
Learning outcome	
B4 Keep up to date with best practice and emerging technologies within the optical sector. Obtain and offer constructive feedback to others, and develop and maintain professional relationships	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SD2 Shows the right approach to the role and the continual need to develop technical skills and knowledge. Can demonstrate understanding of the history of spectacle making (B4)	SD5 <i>Has a positive approach to all work tasks and willingly takes on extra responsibility as relevant to their ability. Keeps up with new products and services in the industry and appreciates both the historical and the contemporary involvement of spectacle making (B4)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate a passion for spectacle making Maintain an awareness of new materials in the market Show an understanding of historical and contemporary context of spectacle making 	
Learning outcome	
B5 Self-evaluate and obtain feedback from others to inform work and work practice	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SD3 Evidence of objectives, achievements, and feedback on development with clear records (B5)	SD6 <i>Can evidence and personally report on development objectives and what level of achievement has been reached. Feedback is clear and actioned, records are precise and clear (B5)</i>

Amplification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm what objectives have been agreed with the employer and in conjunction with colleagues • Identify what has been achieved against objectives • Determine feedback from employer and colleagues to ensure personal work is of highest quality and to help inform development of personal professional practice • Describe methods for keeping records of feedback

Behaviours - Safety orientated	
Direct observation	
Learning outcome	
B6 Be aware of and adopt the processes and procedures for the safe manufacturing or repair of spectacles for both self and others	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SO1 Understands the importance of COSHH and PPE, can describe and demonstrate the use of both in their workplace (B6)	SO2 <i>Can describe the individual and corporate needs of COSHH and PPE in their workplace in detail and how/when they are applied, and assist in non-lab staff being made aware (B6)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify with the appropriate disposal of waste and hazardous materials and fluids • Understand the importance of PPE (personal protective equipment) • Routinely work safely in the optical lab environment 	

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Assessment summary

The end-point assessment for the spectacle maker apprenticeship is made up of 2 components:

1. A 2-hour direct observation
2. A 2-hour professional discussion

The 2 end-point assessment activities should be taken on the same day, within an 8-hour period. As an employer/training provider, you should agree a plan and schedule with the apprentice to ensure all assessment components can be completed effectively.

Each component of the end-point assessment will be assessed against the appropriate criteria laid out in this guide, which will be used to determine a grade for each individual component.

Direct observation

- The direct observation is graded pass/distinction
- To achieve a **pass**, the apprentice will need to complete the direct observation and achieve 100% of pass criteria
- To achieve a **distinction**, the apprentice will need to achieve 100% of the pass criteria, and at least 64% of the distinction criteria (14 out of 22)

Professional discussion

- The professional discussion is graded pass/distinction
- To achieve a **pass**, the apprentice will need to complete the professional discussion and achieve 100% of pass criteria
- To achieve a **distinction**, the apprentice will need to achieve 100% of the pass criteria, and at least 66% of the distinction criteria (25 out of 38)

Grading

The end-point assessment of the spectacle maker apprenticeship will be graded, with the available grades being pass or distinction. Apprentices must achieve at least a pass in both methods of the end-point assessment in order to complete the apprenticeship.

To attain a distinction grade, the apprentice must achieve all pass criteria and at least 64% (14 out of 22) of the direct observation distinction criteria and 66% (25 out of 38) of the professional discussion distinction criteria.

The 2 end-point assessment methods will contribute towards the overall grade decision of a pass or distinction.

Retake and resit information

If an apprentice fails an end-point assessment method, it is the employer, provider and apprentice's decision whether to attempt a resit or retake. If a **resit** is chosen, please call the Highfield scheduling team to arrange the resit. If a **retake** is chosen, the apprentice will require a period of further learning and will need to complete a retake checklist. Once this is completed, please call the Highfield scheduling team to arrange the retake.

When undertaking a resit or retake, the assessment method(s) will need to be re-attempted in full, regardless of any individual assessment criteria that were passed on any prior attempt. The EPA Report will contain feedback on areas for development and resit or retake guidance.

Apprentices who achieve a pass grade cannot resit or retake the EPA to achieve a higher grade.

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Assessing the direct observation

The direct observation will be a naturally occurring real-work situation. In order to provide sufficient flexibility in the workplace and to allow for normal working patterns and interruptions that may occur, we would expect this process to take up to 2 hours to allow the apprentice sufficient opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and behaviours. This will be pre-planned and scheduled at the apprentice's normal place of work and will be carried out by the end-point assessor. The direct observation should enable the apprentice to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and behaviour from across the standard to demonstrate genuine and demanding work objectives.

Each situation within the observation will be different, and the assessor will also ask questions alongside the observation to look for additional understanding of the practical elements being assessed. If required, demonstration of a particular skill can be requested during this observation, if it has not naturally occurred, to ensure the apprentice can demonstrate the full breadth of skills necessary to pass the end-point assessment. During the direct observation, wherever possible, situations and evidence should be naturally occurring. However, to ensure that all criteria can be covered, some simulation will be allowed to ensure total coverage of the standards. There will also be an opportunity for a brief Q&A session at the end of the direct observation, to cover any criteria that it has not been possible to assess.

The assessor will observe the following areas below, which form a set of higher-level descriptors of the criteria from the apprenticeship standard. These link back to the 22 criteria based in the assessment plan:

- ordering and preparing the component parts for spectacles to be glazed
- practical glazing ability with a variety of lens and frame types
- quality control processes including different lens and frame types and different stages of manufacture
- stock control processes and methods including auditing, ordering and movement of stock
- maintenance of machinery and recording the information
- ensuring health and safety within the workplace
- interpersonal skills enabling the apprentice to demonstrate dealing with colleagues in a busy environment

Apprentices must achieve all pass criteria to pass the direct observation. To attain a distinction grade, the apprentice must achieve at least 64% (14 out of 22) of the direct observation distinction criteria.

The direct observation - mock assessment

It is the employer/training provider's responsibility to prepare apprentices for their end-point assessment, and Highfield recommend that the apprentice experiences a mock practical observation in preparation for the real thing. The most appropriate form of mock assessment will depend on the apprentice's setting and the resources available at the time. In designing a mock assessment, the employer/training provider should include the following elements in its planning:

- the mock observation should take place in a real workplace, or a realistic simulation if the real workplace does not present all the required assessment opportunities
- the participation of other personnel to play the parts of customers and team members:
 - it is strongly recommended that the mock observation has been practised beforehand and all personnel involved are properly briefed on their roles
- a 2-hour time slot should be available for the complete direct observation, if it is intended to be a complete mock observation covering all relevant standards. However, this time may be split up to allow for progressive learning
- consider a video recording of the mock assessment, and allow it to be observed by other apprentices, especially if it is not practicable for the employer/training provider to carry out a separate mock assessment with each apprentice
- ensure that the apprentice's performance is assessed by a competent trainer/assessor, and that feedback is shared with the apprentice to complete the learning experience; the mock assessment sheets may be used for this purpose

Direct observation criteria

During the direct observation, which will last for up to 2 hours, the following standards should be evidenced. Apprentices should prepare for the direct observation by considering how the criteria can be met.

Knowledge - Health and safety	
Learning outcome	
K2 Understand the importance of environmental protection	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HS2 Knows the potential hazards present in the lab working environment, how to deal with them and implement waste disposal according to product (K2)	HS4 Knowledge of COSHH and the products under its regulations, the implications of poor hazard/risk analysis and waste disposal, and detail the potential environmental issues in both the lab and wider business (K2)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify typical environmental hazards in an optical production unit• Describe the environmental issues around waste disposal• Implement the procedures for waste disposal• Implement the disposal procedures for packaging	

Knowledge - Tools	
Learning outcome	
K6 Have a practical understanding of optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TO2 Can detail the processes and systems required to effectively glaze a variety of lenses (K6)	TO6 <i>Knows how to set up more complex lenses/frames to glaze, and can explain the operation of a number of optical equipment items (K6)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the principles of optical machinery • Explain the operation of optical machinery • Set up optical machinery for a full range of products 	
Learning outcome	
K7 Be able to calibrate precision optical manufacturing machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TO3 Know when to do a calibration and what is involved; correct errors on edger displays (K7)	TO7 <i>Can plan for and carry out calibration, examine any data provided and determine the outcome, analyse error messages and know how to interpret the data (K7)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain when to calibrate precision optical machinery • Calibrate precision optical machinery • Correct optical machinery with an error message or fault indication 	

Learning outcome	
K8 Have a practical understanding of 'first-line maintenance' for optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TO4 Can carry out basic optical equipment maintenance, record what is done and any outcomes. Describe the consequences of a poor maintenance regime (K8)	TO8 <i>Performs detailed first-line maintenance, records data and can analyse its meaning and potential issues, and provide detailed description of the results of poor maintenance (K8)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate completion of a maintenance schedule or services log • Complete first-line maintenance on optical machinery • Describe the consequences of not carrying out regular maintenance 	

Knowledge - Quality	
Learning outcome	
K12 Be able to visually inspect lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU4 Can spot faults in cut and uncut lenses, check shapes are symmetrical and assess cosmetic appearance to company and industry standards (K12)	QU9 Can provide reasons for faults and errors found and how to correct them, knows how to adjust symmetry issues before and/or after cutting, and can accurately use company and industry standards to assess quality (K12)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify defects and faults in lens uncuts Identify defects and faults in edged lenses Ensure the symmetry of lens shapes Judge the cosmetic appearance of the spectacles Use BS EN ISO standards to aid visual inspection of uncut and edged lenses 	
Learning outcome	
K13 Be able to assure assembled spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU5 Knows how to deal with a variety of frame materials and can check the finished job against the order for the right parameters at QC. Can correctly check against standards and take the correct action if incorrect. Use of manual and automatic focimeter types (K13)	QU10 Can explain the differences between various frame materials, how they are handled and cleaned, and set up adjustments. Accurately check orders and explain how/why certain actions are performed. Good knowledge of standards and tolerances, and taking corrective action if errors found. Use of manual and automatic focimeter types (K13)

Amplification

- Explain the properties of lens and frame materials with regard to handling and cleaning
- Ensure that the prescription specifications match the order specification
- Verify that the form and positioning of the lenses match the order specification
- Verify that all the specifications match the order specification
- Use **BS EN ISO standards** to aid the verification of finished spectacles
- Take appropriate action if the spectacles do not match the order specification
- Demonstrate the use of two **focimeter** types that use different principles to measure lens power

Knowledge - The manufacture, service and repair of spectacles	
Learning outcome	
K28 Demonstrate the management of quality processes and the application of the relevant quality standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS8 Understands how quality management has an impact on the lab performance and knows the internal structure. Can identify tolerances as required and knows how to process an order that does not comply (K28)	<i>MS18 Can describe the consequences of poor-quality management, describe the process in place and how it fits with other store data, use tolerances and standards accurately and detail the processes for dealing with errors found (K28)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how the management of quality has been applied • Explain the quality processes in place • Identify tolerances for a given prescription order using current BS EN ISO standards • Implement procedures when a given prescription does not meet the required standards 	
Learning outcome	
K29 Be able to operate the processes of stock control for optical products	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS9 Knows how to process new stock products through the lab, use records and systems correctly, and identify stock-holding issues (K29)	<i>MS19 Knows how to process stock in and out using the systems in place, audit and manage stock accurately and ensure the products are stored correctly (K29)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with incoming stock • Deal with outgoing stock • Record the movement of stock • Monitor stock levels • Operate stock replacement procedures • Check and monitor product expiry dates 	

Learning outcome	
K30 Be able to answer technical questions from other staff and customers	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS10 Can discuss technical queries with colleagues to a successful conclusion (K30)	MS20 Can describe the details around why the order has a technical question, and how to resolve it (K30)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with colleagues regarding technical queries 	

Skills - Health & safety and working environment	
Learning outcome	
S3 Be able to follow the health and safety regulations in an optical production workplace	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HW3 Can demonstrate understanding of the needs of Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, any company standards that apply, COSHH regulations and how this information is communicated in the business (S3)	HW6 Can describe the importance of following, and consequences of not following, health and safety guidelines and company standards. Can explain the reasons for COSHH regulations, and describe the process for reporting incidents (S3)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show that they know the location of the essential health and safety regulations in the workplace Show that they know the objectives of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act Show that they know the requirements of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations Show that they know their company rules relating to health and safety Describe the lines of communication regarding health and safety issues 	

Skills - Technical interpretation and understanding	
Learning outcome	
S6 Be able to answer technical questions from other staff and customers	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
T13 Can deal with basic technical enquiries and customer interaction (S6)	T16 Can demonstrate effective technical resolution, and comfortably communicate with customers in a wide range of situations (S6)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with colleagues regarding technical queries • Communicate with customers regarding technical queries 	

Skills - Manufacturing and repair processes	
Learning outcome	
S13 Be able to operate the processes of stock control for optical products	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR7 Knows how to process new stock products through the lab, use records and systems correctly, and identify stock issues (S13)	MR16 Knows how to process new and existing orders for stock products in and out using the systems in place, audit and manage stock accurately and ensure the products are stored correctly (S13)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with incoming stock • Deal with outgoing stock • Record the movement of stock • Monitor stock levels • Operate stock replacement procedures • Check and monitor product expiry dates 	

Learning outcome	
S14 Understand and work within any restrictions placed on any design	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR8 Prepare various lenses for glazing. Set up machinery for different types of lenses and frames. Cut and fit lenses. Hand edge lenses to fit. Set up frames for QC. Inspect and report on finished glasses. Set up and glaze a non-standard job (S14)	MR17 Provide further commentary on more detail around these processes; why set up edgers in a particular way; when to hand edge, when not to; how to correct sizing issues on the edger; how to adjust various frame types/materials and what set-up is expected; can prepare a detailed report on finished jobs, whether correct or if faults were found (S14)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay off lenses for glazing to a given specification • Prepare glazing machinery to edge lenses • Edge the lenses using glazing machinery • Hand edge the lenses to fit the spectacle frame • Set up finished spectacles ready for verification and dispatch • Inspect the finished spectacles • Provide a report on the finished spectacles • Lay off a pair of nonstandard lenses for glazing 	
Learning outcome	
S15 Be able to glaze a variety of spectacle types	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR9 Can prepare a variety of lens and frame types for glazing (S15)	MR18 Can apply further special instructions/settings on equipment used (S15)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay off a variety of lenses for glazing to a given specification 	

Skills - Tools and equipment	
Learning outcome	
S16 Have a practical understanding of 'first-line' maintenance for optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TE1 Knows the basic needs of maintenance of equipment and the recording of data, and knows the benefits/disadvantages of this (S16)	TE2 <i>Can maintain all lab equipment to a satisfactory level, record any resultant information logically and can identify the extended issues of poor maintenance (S16)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate completion of a maintenance schedule or services log • Complete first-line maintenance on optical machinery • Describe the consequences of not carrying out regular maintenance 	

Skills - Quality	
Learning outcome	
S20 Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of maintaining quality throughout the process of receiving orders and then manufacturing	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT4 Can resolve basic errors and problems effectively (S20)	QT12 <i>Can deal with more complex order errors and resolve issues accurately and with limited/no supervision (S20)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out the process for dealing with problems or errors in received orders • Carry out the process for dealing with problems or errors during and after manufacture 	
Learning outcome	
S21 Understand quality control methods and the use of standards	

To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT5 Understanding the basic principles of quality checking and can perform QC practically. Understand different production checks and describe how they use standards (S21)	QT13 <i>Can explain the benefits of good QC process, and process more complex orders through quality checking, using standards accurately and describing how/why. Good knowledge of different elements of product quality checking (S21)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of quality control • Demonstrate the procedure for quality inspection of a given uncut lens type before dispatch • Compare and contrast quality inspection procedures in given lens production methods • Explain how and why standards are used in quality inspection and control 	
Learning outcome	
S22 Demonstrate the management of quality processes and the application of the relevant optical quality standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT6 Functional understanding of QC process, essential tolerances and standards. Can identify and rectify errors found, and manage the process of remaking an order (S22)	QT14 <i>Detailed knowledge of QC process and the tools and standards used. Tolerance knowledge is good, with ability to use without prompts. Can identify, correct and advise on errors, faults or challenges with completing an order correctly, and manage the entire remake process (S22)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the quality processes in place • Identify tolerances for a given prescription order using current BS EN ISO standards • Implement procedures when a given prescription does not meet the required standards • Show how the management of quality has been applied 	
Learning outcome	
S23 Be able to implement the process for the dispatch of spectacle orders	
To pass	To achieve a distinction

QT7 Demonstrate the final checks and processes in place, how this is documented and processed for dispatch (S23)	QT15 Describe the reasons for quality checking, how this varies from start to finish, the various dispatch and documentation processes for different orders, and costs applicable to different types of order (S23)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake the final quality checks required before dispatch to the customer Dispatch a range of finished orders Use the types of documentation for dispatching orders Discuss the relative costs of different shipping methods 	
Learning outcome	
S24 Be able to pack spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT8 Can describe the variations for different order types (S24)	QT16 Understands the reasons and routes for different order types and how/why they are packaged accordingly (S24)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake typical procedures for packaging Explain why particular methods of packaging are used 	

Behaviours - Professionalism	
Learning outcome	
B2 Have a strong professional work ethic including pride in their work and attention to detail. Plan and manage time effectively	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
PR1 Can discuss appropriate and work-based content effectively and considerately with others, maintaining an appropriate attitude to work, while maintaining focus on the job and tasks as required (B2)	PR2 <i>Understands the needs of others in the work environment, and can react positively to work requests as required. Has a positive approach to work requests and can demonstrate an empathic approach to others (B2)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate conversation • Use questions confidently and appropriately • Exhibit appropriate body language and attitude when dealing with colleagues 	

Behaviours - Safety orientated	
Learning outcome	
B6 Be aware of and adopt the processes and procedures for the safe manufacturing or repair of spectacles for both self and others	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SO1 Understands the importance of COSHH and PPE, can describe and demonstrate the use of both in their workplace (B6)	SO2 <i>Can describe the individual and corporate needs of COSHH and PPE in their workplace in detail and how/when they are applied, and assist in non-lab staff being made aware (B6)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify with the appropriate disposal of waste and hazardous materials and fluids • Understand the importance of PPE (personal protective equipment) • Routinely work safely in the optical lab environment 	

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Assessing the professional discussion

The professional discussion will be a structured discussion between the apprentice and the end-point assessor, following the observation, to establish the apprentice's understanding and application of knowledge, skills and behaviours. The professional discussion will take place on the same day in a suitable environment and should last for up to 2 hours, which will provide flexibility in the work environment and sufficient opportunity for the assessor to determine the level of grade. During the professional discussion, the apprentice will be able to call upon any on-programme evidence collected to support their comments.

The discussion will be set against the information detailed, to ensure standardisation and consistency. It will be appropriately structured to draw out the best of the apprentice's energy, enthusiasm, competence and ability. The discussions, where appropriate, should include scenario and product-based discussions to effectively challenge the apprentice and their ability to demonstrate their knowledge at the highest level.

Apprentices must achieve all pass criteria to pass the professional discussion. To attain a distinction grade, the apprentice must achieve at least 66% (25 out of 38) of the distinction criteria.

Before the assessment:

Employers/training providers should:

- plan the professional discussion to allow the apprentice the opportunity to demonstrate each of the required standards
- ensure the apprentice knows the date, time and location of the assessment
- ensure the apprentice knows which criteria will be assessed (outlined on the following pages)
- encourage the apprentice to reflect on their experience and learning on-programme to understand what is required to meet the standard
- be prepared to provide clarification to the apprentice, and signpost them to relevant parts of their on-programme experience as preparation for this assessment

It is suggested that a mock assessment is carried out by the apprentice in advance of the end-point assessment with the training provider/employer giving feedback on any areas for improvement. Mock assessment sheets are available to download from the Highfield website.

Professional discussion - mock assessment

It is the employer/training provider's responsibility to prepare apprentices for their end-point assessment, and Highfield recommend that they experience a mock professional discussion in preparation for the real thing. The most appropriate form of mock assessment will depend on the apprentice's setting and the resources available at the time. In designing a mock assessment, the employer/training provider should consider the following elements in their planning:

- the participation of other personnel to play the parts of customers and team members:
 - it is strongly recommended that the mock professional discussion has been practised beforehand and all personnel involved are properly briefed on their roles
- a 2-hour time slot should be available for the complete professional discussion, if it is intended to be a complete mock assessment covering all relevant standards; however, this time may be split up to allow for progressive learning
- consider an audio recording of the mock, and to allow it to be heard by other apprentices, especially if it is not practicable for the employer/training provider to carry out a separate mock assessment with each apprentice
- ensure that the apprentice's performance is assessed by a competent trainer/assessor, and that feedback is shared with the apprentice, to complete the learning experience; the mock assessment document sheets later in this guide may be used for this purpose
- structured 'open' questions should be used as part of the professional discussion which do not lead the candidate, but allow them to express their knowledge in a calm and comfortable manner; example questions that you can use for a mock assessment are listed below

Professional discussion - example questions

The following are example questions to demonstrate the sort of questions apprentices can expect to encounter during the professional discussion.

- Health and safety
 - Tell me about relevant health and safety regulations for your role.
- Materials
 - Tell me about the different frames you work with.
- Tools
 - How would you ensure a pair of spectacles is complete?
- Quality (knowledge)
 - What would you do if you found an uncut lens with defects?
- Construction of spectacles
 - Tell me about lens treatments.
 - How is the eye structured?
- The manufacture, service and repair of spectacles
 - Explain how you use maths within optical manufacturing.
 - How do you manage stock within your organisation?
- Health & safety and working environment
 - How would you handle an accident or incident while at work?
- Technical interpretation and understanding
 - Tell me about the procedures in place for processing orders.
- Manufacturing and repair processes
 - How do you maintain the machines that you use?
 - Walk me through the process for an order.
- Quality (skills)
 - Tell me about regulatory compliance for frames.
- Quality focused
 - Talk me through your daily duties and responsibilities.
- Self-development
 - How do you keep current knowledge of optics?
 - How do you plan to continue your development?

Professional discussion criteria

Throughout the professional discussion, the assessor will review the apprentice's competence in all of the criteria outlined below, therefore apprentices should prepare for the professional discussion by considering how the criteria can be met.

Knowledge - Health and safety	
Learning outcome	
K1 Know how to comply with relevant legislation and official guidance	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HS1 Demonstrate understanding of health and safety principles, employee and employer rights and responsibilities. Can describe the company procedures and documentation related to the above, and how to source further details. Knows the types of organisations that represent the industry and their roles (K1)	HS3 <i>Has a more detailed understanding of health and safety, COSHH, equality and employment responsibilities and can describe their role in the company around these. Understands the company procedures for the above, in addition to statutory rules. Can source details and reference outside bodies, and can demonstrate understanding of the roles and activities of different organisations in the optical industry and other overseeing bodies (K1)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibit knowledge and understanding of a range of employer and employee statutory rights and responsibilities under employment law: rights and responsibilities under the Employment Rights Act (1996); *Equality Act (2010); health and safety legislation; responsibilities and duties of employers Exhibit knowledge and understanding of the organisation's procedures and documentation that recognise and protect the relationship with the apprentice Show knowledge and understanding of the range of sources of information and advice available on employment rights and responsibilities Exhibit knowledge of the types of representative bodies and understand their relevance within the optical industry and their main roles and responsibilities 	

*This legislation is now The Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act) Act

Knowledge - Materials	
Learning outcome	
K3 Be able to identify lenses appropriate for given prescriptions	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MA1 Can provide details of lens materials, types, uses and some basic technical information (K3)	MA3 Can detail the challenges and benefits of various lens types and materials, and further detail on how multifocals work (K3)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the properties of lens materials Describe single vision, bifocal and progressive power lens type 	
Learning outcome	
K4 Understand the materials used in spectacle frames	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MA2 Can describe a number of common frame materials and list various parts correctly (K4)	MA4 Can provide details on the different frame materials used, how they differ in performance, and provide more detail on parts (K4)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the materials used in spectacle frames Describe the properties of spectacle frame materials List the components of a spectacle frame by their BS EN terms 	

Knowledge - Tools	
Learning outcome	
K5 Understand how to check finished spectacle specifications against the received order	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TO1 Can provide details of what is needed to carry out QC , and detail the functions used when checking prism and power (K5)	TO5 <i>Knows all essential tools and equipment required and can confidently check power and prism with little/no supervision (K5)</i>
Amplification	
QC - quality control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the equipment required for the final verification and quality check Describe the use of the focimeter for verifying lens power and prism 	

Knowledge - Quality	
Learning outcome	
K9 Understand quality control methods and the use of standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU1 Understanding the basic principles of quality checking and can perform QC practically. Understand different production checks and describe how they use standards (K9)	QU6 <i>Can explain the benefits of good QC process, and process more complex orders through quality checking, using standards accurately and describing how/why. Good knowledge of different product quality checks (K9)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the importance of quality control Describe the procedure for quality inspection of a given uncut lens type before dispatch Compare and contrast quality inspection procedures in given lens production methods 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how and why standards are used in quality inspection and control 	
Learning outcome	
K10 Assure uncut spectacle lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU2 Can describe the differences between lens types and identify surface defects and explain how they happen. Use tolerances for surface inspection and returns processes as applicable (K10)	QU7 <i>Has detailed knowledge of lens types and different forms. Can identify various defects and explain how they can happen and be prevented. Can apply tolerances to surface inspection accurately and document findings in the required detail (K10)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the features of uncut lenses Identify the types of surface and material defects Explain the problems associated with types of surface and material defects Assure uncut spectacle lenses to BS EN ISO standards Complete the required quality documentation 	
Learning outcome	
K11 Demonstrate the importance of record-keeping	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QU3 Can access essential reports and records, explain the data and reasons for keeping it (K11)	QU8 <i>Can access report data, show analysis of the information, the benefits for keeping it and how it fits with other store data recording (K11)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source reports and explain their relevance Explain, interpret and evaluate report information Explain the benefits of good record-keeping 	

Knowledge - Construction of spectacles	
Learning outcome	
K14 Understand the processes for the range of lens treatments for spectacle lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS1 Knows the fundamental elements of why/how we apply lens treatments, and select the correct lens options accordingly (K14)	CS8 <i>Has a broad technical understanding of the various treatments, their application process and purpose, and how to select the right lens types/materials (K14)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the types of lens treatments • Explain the purpose of tinting • Explain the purpose of antireflection coatings • Explain the purpose of hydrophobic coatings • Outline the processes of lens tinting and coatings • Explain the purpose of toughening lens materials • Explain lens toughening processes • Select suitable types of lens materials for specified lens treatments 	
Learning outcome	
K15 Ensure that frame components prior to glazing meet the required specifications	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS2 Can describe a number of common frame materials and list various parts correctly (K15)	CS9 <i>Can provide details on the different frame materials used, how they differ in performance, and provide more detail on parts (K15)</i>

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify modern frame materials Describe the properties of modern frame materials State the BS EN ISO terms for frame components Demonstrate the measurement of spectacle frames Demonstrate the adjustment of spectacle frames to the order specification 	
Learning outcome	
K16 Know the optical and physical properties of multifocal lenses	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS3 Understand the design and use of multifocals, how they differ and how they are manufactured. Work out the prism in reading area and can describe prism control bifocals (K16)	CS10 <i>Can identify different multifocal types and describe how they differ in both identity and performance, and with more technical elements included (curvature, addition, inset, etc.) Understand the prismatic effect in reading area and discuss the prism control bifocal in detail (K16)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the terms relating to multifocal lenses Describe multifocal lens designs Compare and contrast the manufacturing processes of multifocals Compare and contrast the optical and physical performance of multifocal lenses Calculate prismatic effects in the reading portion of bifocals and trifocals Describe prism-controlled bifocals, using calculations and illustrations where appropriate 	
Learning outcome	
K17 Understand the anatomical structures of the eye	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS4 Can identify and describe the basic anatomical structures (K17)	CS11 <i>Can detail how certain anatomical structures work in conjunction to each other (K17)</i>

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the anatomical structures of the eye Describe the functions of the non-refracting elements of the eye 	
Learning outcome	
K18 Understand the effect of a lens on light and how it relates to the correction of refractive error	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS5 Knows the basic function of eye structures and how to correct refractive errors. Use correct terms for errors and describe lens types to use (K18)	CS12 <i>Can illustrate knowledge on refractive errors, how to correct, what the impact is on vision, before and after correction, and the correlation of prescription and refractive error (K18)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the effect of a positive lens on incident light Describe the effect of a negative lens on incident light Describe the refracting elements of the eye Explain the causes of refractive errors in the eye Explain the classification of refractive errors in the eye Explain how spectacle lens power relates to refractive error Explain how a spectacle lens corrects a refractive error 	
Learning outcome	
K19 Know the range of spectacle lens types for vision correction	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS6 Can describe various lens types, their properties and optical uses (K19)	CS13 <i>Can describe various lens types, how they are used, the material seen, the variations in technical information on a given lens (Abbe no., index, thickness, etc.), benefits over other products (K19)</i>

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify modern single-vision lens types Identify modern multifocal lens types Explain the physical properties of specified lens types Explain the optical properties of specified lens types 	
Learning outcome	
K20 The historical and contemporary context of spectacle making	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
CS7 Can describe the basic parts of spectacle makers' history and modern-day context, and can describe the importance of maintaining industry knowledge (K20)	CS14 Has more detailed understanding of spectacle makers' history and involvement in wider optical bodies, its current format and how their industry knowledge could influence their care (K20)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the wider context of spectacle making in terms of historical origins and its current technical development Identify the importance of continually updating knowledge about the wider context of spectacle making 	

Knowledge - The manufacture, service and repair of spectacles	
Learning outcome	
K21 Be able to perform arithmetical calculations for optical manufacturing	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS1 Correctly complete the set questions provided; arithmetic calculations, use of BODMAS, etc. (K21)	MS11 Describe reasons why/how these calculations would be used in practical optics (K21)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform arithmetical operations using mathematical priorities Perform calculations involving reciprocals Perform calculations involving squares and square roots 	

Learning outcome	
K23 Be able to apply the properties of circles and right-angled triangles to optical manufacturing	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS2 Label parts of a circle and discuss where these apply in optical manufacturing. Use of SIN, COS, TAN in calculating right-angled triangle parameters and how these relate to optics (K23)	MS12 Provide further detail on how the circle and right-angled triangle definitions fit into optical manufacturing and where they might be used (K23)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the properties of a circle using appropriate terminology Relate the properties of a circle to applications in optical manufacturing Explain the properties of a right-angled triangle Explain what is meant by sine, cosine and tangent Calculate the parameters of a right-angled triangle Relate the properties of right-angled triangles to optical manufacturing 	
Learning outcome	
K23 Understand how values for lens properties are obtained using fundamental lens formulae	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS3 Correctly complete the set questions provided; lens power, focal length, radius of surface, etc. (K23)	MS13 Show full working out, and describe reasons why/how these calculations would be used in practical optics (K23)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the standard symbols for fundamental lens parameters Ascribe a value to fundamental formulae in optical manufacturing 	
Learning outcome	
K24 Be able to use graphs	
To pass	To achieve a distinction

MS4 Can accurately produce graphical info from data and work back from graphs too. Provide examples of where this is used in their role (K24)	MS14 Can interpret graphical data in both directions, analyse its importance/relevance and state when/where graphs and data analysis would be used (K24)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw a line graph from a table of data • Extract graphical data • Interpret graphical data • Give examples of graphs used within optical manufacturing 	
Learning outcome	
K25 Demonstrate the importance of record-keeping	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS5 Can access essential reports and records, explain the data and reasons for keeping it (K25)	MS15 Can access report data, show analysis of the information, the benefits for keeping it and how it fits with other store data recording (K25)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source reports and explain their relevance • Explain, interpret and evaluate report information • Explain the benefits of good record-keeping 	
Learning outcome	
K26 Understand the principles of stock control	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS6 Explains the stock control process, data tracking involved and advantages of good/disadvantages of bad stock control (K26)	MS16 Can provide evidence of jobs affected by good and bad stock control and records of the results (K26)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the need for keeping stock control • Accurately record stock control data 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the advantages of good stock control List the disadvantages of poor stock control 	
Learning outcome	
K27 Understand the audit process in stock control	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MS7 Can perform audits as required and describe the benefits of stock audit (K27)	<i>MS17 Knows the benefits and challenges of auditing stock products and can accurately detail the process (K27)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how materials are audited within the stock system Explain the importance of the audit of stock 	

Skills - Health & safety and working environment	
Learning outcome	
S1 Understand the importance of environmental protection	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HW1 Can describe what environmental hazards are present in the lab (and store if applicable), and show the processes for different types of waste disposal (S1)	<i>HW4 Describe specific products and processes in the lab (and store if applicable) that pose a hazard, what the implication of such hazards might be, and how to dispose of specific waste products and what the processes are for disposal of packaging (S1)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify typical environmental hazards in an optical production unit Describe the environmental issues around waste disposal Implement the procedures for waste disposal Implement the disposal procedures for packaging 	

Learning outcome	
S2 Be able to respond appropriately to accidents and incidents in the workplace	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
HW2 Explain their own responsibilities to the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, and what emergency response processes are in place (S2)	HW5 Can explain the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act in terms of employer/employee responsibilities, who is involved in incident reporting and the emergency/alarm procedures (S2)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain employees' responsibilities regarding health and safety at work • Respond to emergency situations at work • Use emergency response equipment • Explain the use of alarm systems 	

Skills - Technical interpretation and understanding	
Learning outcome	
S4 Be able to process orders and information accurately	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
TI1 Demonstrate the ability to understand orders, process the data and discuss the technical terms used. Can identify and correct errors found (S4)	TI4 Discuss in detail the reasons for specific terms, how data can affect an order, how errors can cause further issues and elaborate on what they could be. Can accurately deal with error correction and the processes around it (S4)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the significance of elements of a given spectacle order • Use order information to be able to process an order • Explain the technical terms used on optical orders • Identify errors on a given order • Correct errors on an order 	

Learning outcome	
S5 Be able to interpret orders for spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
T12 Can describe order document contents, various order types, transpose prescriptions and explain the links between order content and successful lens delivery (S5)	T15 Can explain the interaction of various elements of an order document, the different ordering processes available, and how to transpose. Understands and can explain the variations that can result from incorrect information on orders (S5)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to interpret orders for spectacles • Describe the content of prescription order forms for spectacles • Outline the different types of spectacle orders • Transpose ophthalmic prescriptions • Explain how the process of ordering relates to the overall manufacturing process 	

Skills - Manufacturing and repair processes	
Learning outcome	
S7 Have a practical understanding of optical machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR1 Demonstrates ability and knowledge in how to start the glazing process with fundamental edger settings (S7)	MR10 Can understand and demonstrate why edgers are set up for different products and materials and can describe/demonstrate the outcomes of the settings used (S7)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the principles of optical machinery • Explain the operation of optical machinery • Set up optical machinery for a full range of products 	

Learning outcome	
S8 Be able to calibrate precision optical manufacturing machinery	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR2 Knows how and when to perform calibration processes and deal with edger errors/faults (S8)	MR11 Can explain the reasons for calibration, what the positive and negative effects can be, and the reasons behind errors and faults observed on edgers and cut lenses (S8)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain when to calibrate precision optical machinery Calibrate precision optical machinery Correct optical machinery with an error message or fault indication 	
Learning outcome	
S9 Be able to demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of lenses, their materials and their alternative forms	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR3 Can perform basic transposition, lens power measurements, and visually identify lens products (S9)	MR12 Understands the reasons for transposition, what powers/meridians mean and how lenses of different types of power differ from each other in appearance (S9)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transpose to an alternate sph/cyl for a given prescription Identify principal powers of a given prescription Identify different types of lenses by inspection 	
Learning outcome	
S10 Be able to source the full range of manufacturing parameters and adjustments that are technically possible	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR4 Can perform/source basic frame and lens measurements and decide on suitable/unsuitable lenses accordingly (S10)	MR13 Can demonstrate the interaction of prescription and frame measurements and the effect this can have on the finished item (S10)

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the correct uncut based on an order • Explain the limitations of a given lens product based on prescription and measurements • Make recommendations if an uncut is not available for a given order 	
Learning outcome	
S11 Demonstrate the processes of stock control for optical product	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR5 Can demonstrate general stock product management process, and discuss the benefits (S11)	MR14 Can advise colleagues on stock process, and manage stock process independently (S11)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with incoming and outgoing stock • Record the movement of stock • Monitor and maintain stock levels • Explain the benefits of good stock control 	
Learning outcome	
S12 Understand the manufacturing and administrative journey of an order	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
MR6 Demonstrate knowledge of prescription lens glazing/manufacturing process, and the admin involved, including stock control (S12)	MR15 Can accurately describe how to manufacture different prescription lenses and glaze different frame types, what reports or administration is involved and what forms of stock control might be required (S12)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the sequence of processes for manufacturing a given order • Describe the administrative processes for manufacturing a given order • Demonstrate the processes of stock control for optical products 	

Skills - Quality	
Learning outcome	
S17 Understand quality control methods and the use of standards	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT1 Understand the basic principles of quality checking and can perform QC practically. Understand different production checks and describe how they use standards (S17)	QT9 Can explain the benefits of good QC process, and is able to process more complex orders through quality checking, using standards accurately and describing how/why. Good knowledge of different product quality checks and when/where they apply to the manufacturing process (S17)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of quality control • Demonstrate the procedure for quality inspection of a given uncut lens type before dispatch • Compare and contrast quality inspection procedures in given lens production methods • Explain how and why standards are used in quality inspection and control 	
Learning outcome	
S18 Demonstrate the importance of record-keeping	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT2 Knows where to access productivity data; can describe why and how we use it and the benefits of using data (S18)	QT10 Can access, describe and correlate various types of productivity data, and explain the benefits and challenges around this (S18)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source reports and explain their relevance • Explain, interpret and evaluate report information • Explain the benefits of good record-keeping 	

Learning outcome	
S19 Understand the labelling requirements for spectacles	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QT3 Can explain the MDD labelling requirements (S19)	QT11 Is able to translate incorrect labelling into possible consequences for the customer (S19)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the labelling requirements of the Medical Devices Directive Explain the importance of correct labelling 	

Behaviours - Quality focused	
Learning outcome	
B1 Follow policies and procedures, have a strong attention to detail and apply quality assurance checks through the spectacle repair or manufacturing process	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
QF1 Demonstrate the ability to manage own workload, identify individual stages in manufacturing and change work role as required by day-to-day operational needs (B1)	QF2 Can manage own workload without supervision and assist in varied tasks/multitasking as required. Describe the 'job journey' through the lab process. Ensure that quality and environmental standards are maintained (B1)
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break down complex tasks into stages Allocate time and resources to work efficiently Adapt to changing situations, maintain a tidy working environment and replace equipment after use 	

Behaviours - Self-development	
Learning outcome	
B3 Plan and manage continued professional development	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SD1 Understands the importance of continuing development, can highlight individual elements and how the business is supporting them. Can provide evidence of colleague interaction and adaptation of work-based skills to adjust to their role (B3)	SD4 <i>Knows the importance of personal development, to both self and the business. Can provide evidence of 1-2-1, review and colleague-supported development. Knows the opportunities for support in the business and can evidence any external contact and skill changes/improvements through development (B3)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify current experience, skills, knowledge and understanding through the 1-2-1 process • Identify the benefits of continuous personal development • Identify the importance of reviewing training and development objectives • Determine the organisational procedure for supporting training and development issues • Evidence regular contact with other individuals within the optical industry 	
Learning outcome	
B4 Keep up to date with best practice and emerging technologies within the optical sector. Obtain and offer constructive feedback to others, and develop and maintain professional relationships	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SD2 Shows the right approach to the role and the continual need to develop technical skills and knowledge. Can demonstrate understanding of the history of spectacle making (B4)	SD5 <i>Has a positive approach to all work tasks and willingly takes on extra responsibility as relevant to their ability. Keeps up with new products and services in the industry and appreciates both the historical and the contemporary involvement of spectacle making (B4)</i>

Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a passion for spectacle making • Maintain an awareness of new materials in the market • Show an understanding of historical and contemporary context of spectacle making 	
Learning outcome	
B5 Self-evaluate and obtain feedback from others to inform work and work practice	
To pass	To achieve a distinction
SD3 Evidence of objectives, achievements, and feedback on development with clear records (B5)	SD6 <i>Can evidence and personally report on development objectives and what level of achievement has been reached. Feedback is clear and actioned, records are precise and clear (B5)</i>
Amplification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm what objectives have been agreed with the employer and in conjunction with colleagues • Identify what has been achieved against objectives • Determine feedback from employer and colleagues to ensure personal work is of highest quality and to help inform development of personal professional practice • Describe methods for keeping records of feedback 	

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