

## WHO WE ARE

BIHAR'S OPTOMETRY ASSOCIATION\* is a registered association of Bihar under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and would worked for an Optometry Discipline. Graduate in optometry takes a leading role in patient care concerning eye and vision care, as well as general health and well-being. As primary health care providers, Optometry discipline professionals have extensive, ongoing training to examine, diagnose, treat, and manage ocular disorders, diseases and injuries, and ocular manifestations of systemic diseases. Optometry discipline professionals provide more than two-thirds of primary eye care in India.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is of a world where optometry makes high-quality eye health and vision care accessible to all people in Bihar. Also recognised as a healthcare professionals in the state.

## OUR MISSION

A) To achieve our vision, our mission is to facilitate the development of optometry and practice optometry as per ILO

(International Labour Organization) for optometrist across the Bihar.

B) Support optometrists in promoting eye health and vision care as a human right through advocacy, education, policy development, and humanitarian outreach.

C) Adaptation of the definition of optometry and optometrist as per the acceptance of WHO, WCO, and ILO.

D) To achieve the regulations for OPTOMETRY discipline profession and Practice optometry instead of OPHTHALMIC SCIENCE as an independent role of optometrists regulations must be regulated under the statutory government body like THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ALLIED AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS ACT, 2021 Govt. of India, The Act was in forced on 26th March 2021.

E) A Strong advocacy for Optometry Discipline Practice in Bihar as Primarily healthcare practitioner.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. For optometry students and Optometrist, the pros of joining the BOA are plentiful, the BOA offers outstanding career and business resources for students

and Optometry professionals as an optometrist to advance their careers, stay informed, volunteer their talents, share knowledge, and build professional skills.

2. The BOA's most popular benefits for students and optometrists include job-seeking assistance and membership certificate and Membership ID card.

3. Free to all members seeking a job, the website of BOA is the premier professional development resource for optometry. You'll find job opportunities, information on salary negotiation, career coaching services, and résumé and cover letter assistance. As members, students and recent grads also receive a set of recognizing their BOA membership.

4. BOA Jobs Finder is your gateway to professional and practice success and benefits the optometric community with real innovation to help Optometrists grow in a changing healthcare landscape. Health information technologies, patient engagement solutions, and best-in-class business and career services are available to BOA members.

5. Members can easily stay informed, connect with colleagues, and discuss

relevant and timely topics through several publications, including the BOA newsletter is an informative website designed by optometry students for optometry students.

6. Lastly, BOA members are encouraged to share their clinical interests in one or all three unique BOA special interest communities: contact lens and cornea section, vision Rehabilitation, and sports vision.

7. Here is how the BOA is making a difference:

- i. Bringing the global voice of optometry to the highest levels of influence and decision making.
- ii. Advocating for the recognition and development of optometry across the INDIA.
- iii. Increasing public awareness and celebrating the role of optometry and optometrists.
- iv. Developing strategic partnerships to support optometry at national and international levels.
- v. Responding to our members and supporting their initiatives.
- vi. Assisting in optometry education standards and generating evidence.
- vii. Providing networking platforms through social media, meetings, and committee participation.

viii. Sharing information and communicating effectively with members, the optometric community, and our partners.

ix. You can make a difference. Join the BOA, and help shape the future of eye care around the world and in India. Improve the provision of eye and vision care for India's population.

x. Stay up to date on issues that matter to you and the profession.

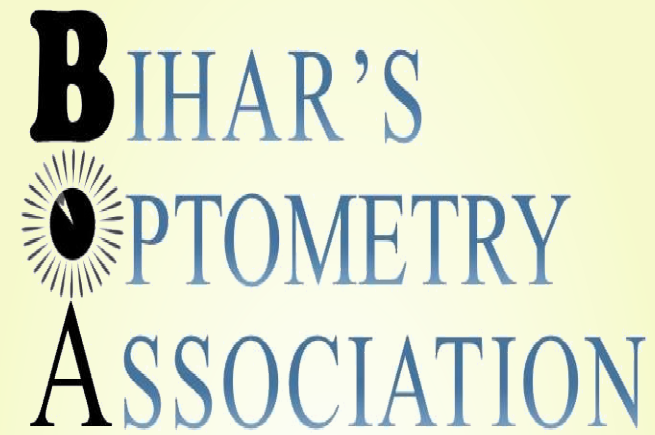
xi. Apply for funding from the BOA Fellowship, and CMEs Program for innovative global and national optometric initiatives to improve vision and eye care.

xii. Ensure that optometry is an autonomous profession as per WCO. WHO and ILO guidelines.

xiii. BOA Member Certificate Your participation in the BOA and other organizations shows your commitment to optometry, elevating you as a professional. After joining the BOA, you will be sent an exclusive BOA member certificate to print and display in your office for viewing by patients, colleagues, and your local community.

8. As a BOA member, you will also receive-

- a) Your name listed as a member on the BOA website.
- c) Nationally and worldwide networking opportunities with other optometry professionals through meetings and social media.
- d) The opportunity to participate in BOA member committees.
- e) Full access to BOA website content.



## An Introduction

### OPTOMETRY

AS DEFINED BY WCO-WHO, OPTOMETRY IS A HEALTHCARE PROFESSION THAT IS AUTONOMOUS, EDUCATED, AND REGULATED, AND OPTOMETRISTS ARE THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS OF THE EYE AND VISUAL SYSTEM WHO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EYE AND VISION CARE, WHICH INCLUDES REFRACTION AND DISPENSING, DETECTION/DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF DISEASE IN THE EYE, AND THE REHABILITATION OF CONDITIONS OF THE VISUAL SYSTEM".