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**Optical Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2018**

To whom it may concern,

I write with regards to the proposed Optical Registration Board Bye-Law that formally recognises Dublin Institute of Technology's (DIT) Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Dispensing programme, as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration as a dispensing optician.

FODO Ireland strongly supports this move. FODO Ireland was deeply concerned that prior to 2014 there was no training course for dispensing opticians in Ireland. We believe DIT's Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Dispensing programme plays a key role in ensuring the sustainable supply of a locally trained optics workforce into the future, which is why the FODO educational trust assisted DIT in the establishment of the degree in 2014.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter further please contact Peter Fogarty, Senior Policy Officer, FODO Ireland on [peter@fodo.com](mailto:peter@fodo.com) to arrange such a meeting.

Yours sincerely



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