



BCLA CERTIFICATE SPECIFICATION

KEY FACTS

Certificate name	Certificate in Presbyopia
Award	Certificate
Type of study	Part Time
Total CPD credits	5 (lectures)
Total FBCLA credits	10

CERTIFICATE SUMMARY

The Certificate in Presbyopia offers a comprehensive overview of the theoretical foundations and clinical application of the BCLA CLEAR Presbyopia report series. The course will explore evidence-based principles, emerging technologies, and best practices in the management of presbyopia, allowing BCLA members to gain CPD credits while working towards a certificate. Completion of the course may count towards BCLA Fellowship.

The Certificate in Presbyopia can be achieved by any eye care practitioner or professional who successfully completes 5 online lectures including MCQ quizzes and one relevant presbyopia workshop/ peer review session. It is a requirement to pass each lecture and complete an interactive workshop/ peer review including self-reflection, and there are no optional modules within this certificate. A Certificate in Presbyopia will be issued on successful completion of the course.

The course is available for free to full members of the BCLA including access to all course materials and additional resources. The course needs to be completed within twelve months from the date of enrolment, if you do not manage to complete the course within this time frame, all attempts will be removed, and you will need to re-enrol. One extension request (of up to 6 months) is allowed by contacting the BCLA office. Candidates working towards their certificate will have up to 3 attempts to complete each of the online MCQ quizzes linked to each online lecture.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to:

- Understand the definition of presbyopia, its global prevalence, and its impact on visual function, quality of life, and clinical workload
- Recognise the clinical signs and symptoms of presbyopia and apply appropriate diagnostic techniques to assess near vision function and accommodative status
- Compare and contrast the available spectacle and contact lens options for presbyopic correction, and identify patient-specific factors influencing their selection and success
- Describe the principles, indications, and limitations of corneal-based surgical interventions for presbyopia, including inlays and laser approaches
- Explore the role of scleral modifications and pharmacological agents in the management of presbyopia, including mechanisms of action and clinical considerations

HOW WILL I LEARN?

You will be taught using a series of online lectures, an (online or hands-on) workshop or small-group peer discussion, and self-reflection. The online recorded lectures are supported with handouts and PowerPoint slides to summarise key points.

Part A: Online lectures (five CPD points)

Five online recorded lectures with a short 12-question MCQ quiz each. The MCQ's are only available after watching the lectures. You must achieve a grade of 10 or more to pass, and you have two attempts to answer these questions. A third attempt is available on request by contacting the BCLA office.

Part B: Interactive Presbyopia Session and Self Evaluation

Participation at one relevant Presbyopia related **workshop** or **peer review** is needed to complete Part B of the Certificate in Presbyopia. For the UK, the session needs to be a GOC approved event, validated with a CPD-reference number. For overseas members, any relevant country accredited course is accepted.

You must upload proof of attendance to an interactive session of approximately one hour, in which you have either:

1. Discussed clinical cases related to Presbyopia with a live audience through in-person or virtual participation. Peer reviews are an opportunity to meet with other eye care practitioners to discuss experiences in practice and exchange ideas about different ways of handling them. A lecture with live Q+A does not constitute a peer review.

OR

2. Acquired practical clinical skills in Presbyopia through participation in in-person or virtual workshops. These sessions may be organised by industry partners to introduce new equipment, contact lenses, or pharmacological treatments for Presbyopia.

Opportunities will be available to attend relevant sessions at various (online) BCLA events, though you may also attend a non-BCLA led session, if it meets the Part B course criteria. Note also that any relevant workshop attended within the last six months will be considered as eligible for passing the Part B section of the course too.

After attending one relevant session you will be required to submit proof of attendance (session details to include title, speaker, date and CPD reference number) and a **self-reflection statement (minimum 100 words)**. The self-reflection statement should outline the knowledge learnt at the workshop/peer review session, including how you will utilise your key learning to deliver best practice care for dry eye patients.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment Regulations

In order to complete the course, you need to pass both parts of the certificate.

Part A: Pass each MCQ quiz with 10 out of 12 questions

Part B: Obtain CPD/ credits for accredited workshop or peer review AND complete the self-reflection statement

Assessment Results

You will be provided with the outcome of each part:

Part A: Immediately after completing the MCQ quizzes

Part B: Depends on the accredited workshop or peer review provider

Please contact events@bcla.org.uk if you have any queries about any of the requirements.

HOW DO I ENTER THE COURSE?

Applications are considered from any eye care practitioner or eye care professional, globally. The course is available to full members of the BCLA and is free to complete including access to all course materials and additional resources.

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