



Candidate pack for Co-opted Director

Who we are

We are the peak professional body for optometrists in Victoria and South Australia, representing and supporting a community of over 2,000 optometrists across Victoria and South Australia.

What we do

Our vision is excellence in eye and vision care and our mission is to lead, engage and promote optometry, optometrists, and community eye health across Victoria and South Australia.

In conjunction with the national professional body, Optometry Australia, we provide a breadth of services to our members including extensive professional development and networking opportunities, ready access to professional advice and support, and whole-of-career professional indemnity insurance. We also advocate on behalf of our members and for better community access to eye care.

We recognise that how we do what we do is important. We value:

- Integrity and trust
- Responsibility and accountability
- Being forward-thinking and aspirational
- Teamwork and collegiality.

Organisational structure

OV/SA is one of six organisations within a federated structure, comprised of five state bodies and a national entity. Individual optometrists are members of a state body and state bodies are members of the national entity, Optometry Australia. All organisations in the federation are not-for-profit organisations.

In 2019, Optometry Victoria and Optometry South Australia merged to form OV/SA in order to be able to serve members more effectively and efficiently. As of 1 November 2023, we are operating under a services agreement with Optometry Australia whereby they provide all operational functions for OV/SA. The OV/SA Board retains its responsibilities and its functions to determine strategic direction, set budgets and monitor financial performance, and has a focus on monitoring execution against the services agreement.

Attachments:

[Optometry Victoria South Australia Constitution](#)

[Optometry Victoria South Australia Strategic Plan](#)



Key insights for Co-opted Director Candidates

OV/SA exists to create value for optometry members across Victoria and South Australia.

OV/SA is a company limited by guarantee, and as such any director must act in the best interests of the company.

The OV/SA Board is a strategic governing board, and delegates operational responsibility to Optometry Australia via a Services Agreement monitored by the Board.

Co-opted Directors can be appointed by the Board, but non-optometry Directors have not previously been appointed. Co-opted Directors work with the majority Member Director Board, who individually are nominated by optometrist members.

The Board operates as a collective. Robust discussions and diverse opinions are welcomed. However, once a decision is made all Board must abide and publicly stand by the decision that has been made.

A Co-opted Director should have an excellent knowledge of corporate governance, be able to operate without bias and abide by confidentiality requirements.

OV/SA Directors are remunerated approximately \$2,000 per year.

Position Description Director

A complete position description is available [here](#)

Expression of Interest process

Please provide a copy of your CV and a cover letter that briefly (less than a page) details your interest in the position and a one-page summary that is an overview of specific skills as they relate to the requirements listed in the position description. The Board has identified a need to enhance the depth of financial management experience on the Board and is particularly interested in hearing about related expertise.

Please direct any questions to applications@optometry.org.au, providing your contact details, and we will seek to ensure a timely response.

Please email EOIs to applications@optometry.org.au, by 21 March 2024.