

The Coalition's Response to Optometry Australia
2025 Federal Election Questionnaire

Reinstatement of Medicare-subsidised eye exams every two years for all Australians under 65.

The Coalition recognises the importance of eye health.

This is why in Government we delivered the following measures

- The Launch of the KeepSight Program in partnership with Diabetes Australia, Vision 2020 Australia and oculo to assist in the detection of diabetic retinopathy.
- The development of a national action plan for macular disease. This included \$3 million over 4 years to increase awareness of the risk factors of macular disease and funding for health professional and education.
- Funding to Vision 2020 through the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Program.

The MBS Review of Optometry commissioned by the Coalition Government specifically investigated changing the frequency for comprehensive eye exams. Its final report ultimately determined that the current policy settings were appropriate.

If elected to Government, the Coalition will continue to assess the appropriateness of the frequency of eye examinations.