

Eye Professionals

Ophthalmologists are medical doctors (MD or DO) who are eye specialists. They can diagnose eye conditions, treat, prescribe medications and perform surgery. They may also provide eyewear.

Optometrists are not medical doctors, but they have a doctor of optometry degree (OD). They can examine eyes, prescribe, and sell eyewear. They have training in detecting eye diseases and can treat many eye conditions. For some eye diseases, they will refer out to ophthalmologists.

Opticians fill prescriptions for eyewear. They cannot examine eyes or prescribe lenses.



The Eyeglass Rule

The law requires eye doctors to make the eyeglass prescriptions, except for contact lenses, available to their patients at no extra cost (you don't have to buy them from the doctor who gave you the exam). With your prescription in hand, you can shop for your eyeglasses, looking for the best quality at the best price, just as you would for any other product.



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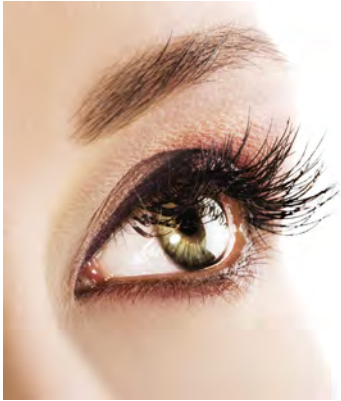
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Dr. Eric Bass Vision Center

15068 Goldenwest St.
Westminster, CA 92683
(714) 898-5631
Optometrists & Opticians
20% discount to students for exam only.
www.drbassorange.com

Families Together Orange County Community Health Center

661 W. 1st St. #G
Tustin, CA 92780
(800) 597-7977
Optometrists, opticians,
no ophthalmologists. Offers free
transportation to and from appointments.
www.familiestogetheroc.org

Hurtt Family Clinic

1 Hope Dr.
Tustin, CA 92782
(714) 247-0300
Optometrists only (must get glasses else-
where). Does not take insurance. Limited
days of operation; call for appointment.
www.hurttclinic.org

La Amistad Family Health Center

725 W. La Veta, Suite 260
Orange, CA 92868
(714) 771-8006
Optometrists & Opticians

Lestonnac Free Clinic

1215 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866
(714) 633-4600
Optometry, treatment for diabetic retinopathy,
glaucoma, & cataracts. Must see PCP there
first. All care is free except labs; must register
and qualify. Call to register. Free transporta-
tion may be available for some appointments.
www.lestonnacfreeclinic.org

Nhan Hoa Clinic

7761 Garden Grove Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92841
(714) 898-8888
Optometrists
Sliding scale for cash paying patients.
www.nhanhoa.org

Serve the People Community Health Center

1206 E. 17th St., Suite 201
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 352-2911
Optometrists & Opticians. Sliding scale for
exams and glasses for those who qualify.
www.freeclinics.com/det/lestonnac_free_clinic_santa_ana

University Eye Center at Ketchum Health

5460 E. La Palma Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92807
(714) 463-7500
Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, &
Opticians.
With GWC ID:
50% off the cost of exams
20% off the cost of glasses
No discount for contact lenses.
www.ketchumhealth.org/anaheim/eye-care-services

