Determine facial, frame and spectacle lens measurements



Overview

This standard covers the routine measurement of facial, frame and spectacle lens dimensions for single vision and bifocal lenses, the assessment of the suitability of frames for the customer and the completion of the necessary documentation. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria	Obtain facial measurements
You must be able to:	 P1 obtain and record the relevant facial measurements P2 ensure that where anomalies or complex requirements are identified, the relevant person is consulted P3 keep the customer informed throughout the process P4 ensure the process is carried out safely and hygienically P5 complete documentation fully, accurately and legibly
	Assess frame fit and measurements
You must be able to:	 P6 assess the suitability of the chosen frame, its style and size P7 assess the frame for fit and comfort P8 identify anomalies or complex requirements and consult with the relevant person P9 accurately measure and record the size of frame required P10 treat the customer politely and helpfully P11 complete documentation fully, accurately and legibly P12 confirm frame availability
	Obtain spectacle lens measurements
You must be able to:	 P13 check that the prescription data and spectacle lens specification are recorded accurately P14 ensure the measurements for single vision and bifocal lenses are obtained and confirmed for accuracy P15 ensure where anomalies or complex requirements are identified, the relevant person is consulted P16 ensure that the prescription will be understandable to the manufacturer P17 complete documentation fully, accurately and legibly P18 maintain a courteous manner with the customer

P19 confirm lens availability

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Knowledge and understanding

Obtain facial measurements

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the purpose of the measurements
- K2 monocular CDs, inter-pupillary distance, optical centres, lens decentration
- K3 recognition of ocular asymmetry such as squint
- K4 the importance of matching frames to facial shape
- K5 practice/store requirements: policies, procedures, instructions
- K6 legal requirements to involve qualified person and limitations of your ability, authority and responsibilities
- K7 cleanliness and use of equipment
- K8 the need for personal hygiene when working in close proximity to the customer

Assess frame fit and measurements

You need to know and understand:

- K9 general characteristics of frame types and materials and the method of manufacture
- K10 implications of size and prescription on fit and comfort
- K11 methods of obtaining measurements
- K12 the measurement of the segment position for bifocal lenses
- K13 which frame measurements to obtain and record and the conventions in recording
- K14 the importance of BVD and pantoscopic angle
- K15 product range availability
- K16 relevant person: qualified person, line manager, colleagues
- K17 practice/store requirements: policies, procedures, instructions, documentation, stock
- K18 legal requirements to involve qualified person and limitations of your ability, authority
- K19 the relevance of British Standards and CE marking

Obtain spectacle lens measurements

You need to know and understand:

- K20 relevant measurements for different types and designs of frames
- K21 units of measurement including dioptres, focal length, cylinder and axis
- K22 transposition of prescriptions
- K23 methods of obtaining measurements for single vision and bifocal lenses
- K24 basic spectacle lens design: single vision, bifocal, progressive power

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	lenses
K25	the advantages and disadvantages of the various lens types
K26	lens types and their suitability for frame types
K27	practice/store requirements: policies, procedures, instructions and
	documentation
K28	relevant person: qualified person, line manager, colleagues
K29	legal requirements to involve qualified person and limitations of own
	ability, authority

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Additional Information

External links

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