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OPTICAL STANDARDS UPDATE

Standards Australia is developing optical standards to ensure the industry and consumers benefit from alignment with the latest international standards.

“Our optical standards development committee has made significant progress in developing new standards which equip the industry for the future,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

Last year Standards Australia published a suite of new standards. These included *AS/NZS ISO 21987: 2011 Ophthalmic optics – Mounted spectacle lenses* which was the result of significant international contributions by members of the committee. Some of these Standards replace *AS 2228.1 – 1992 Spectacles – Spectacle lenses* which will be withdrawn by February 2012.

The committee charged with developing optical standards is comprised of key industry and academic stakeholders such as the Australasian Dispensing Opticians Association, New Zealand Association of Optometrists, Optical Distributions and Manufacturers Association, Queensland University of Technology, University of Melbourne and the University of Auckland.

Mr Blair said the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is actively working on the development of a new standard for optical frames which when published will be reviewed for potential adoption as an Australian Standard.

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