

Table 2 Characteristics of optometric education programmes offered in Eastern Mediterranean Region

Country	No. of programmes	Exit qualification	Duration of training (years)	Body accrediting programme	No. of graduates/year
Algeria	2	Licence	3	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research	60
Bahrain	0	—	—	—	—
Djibouti	0	—	—	—	—
Egypt	4	BSc	4	None	Not provided
Islamic Republic of Iran	4	BSc	4	Ministry of Health and Medical Education	65
Iraq	2	BSc	4	Ministry of Health	140
Jordan	4	BSc	4	Ministry of Higher Education, Higher Education Accreditation Council	110
Kuwait	0	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	4	BSc	4-5	Ministry of Higher Education	63
Libya	0	—	—	—	—
Morocco	3	Licence	3	Ministry of Higher Education	305
Oman	1	BSc	5	Ministry of Higher Education	40
Palestine	1	BSc	4	Ministry of Higher Education	40
Qatar	0	—	—	—	—
Saudi	2	Doctor of Optometry	6-7	National Center for Academic Accreditation and Assessment	65-80
Sudan	3	BSc	4-5	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research	240
Tunisia	1	Licence	3	Ministry of Higher Education	40
United Arab Emirates	0	—	—	—	—
Yemen	1	BSc	4	Ministry of Higher Education	Not provided