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Abstract

### **BiOptics - the South African way**

The prescribing of BiOptics in South Africa is done solely by optometrists specialising in low vision.

The driving licensing laws for the visually impaired are very different to those in the USA. as they are based on the seeing population. The visual acuities are based on what the client sees with the aid and visual fields are those without the optical aid.

From this one can deduce that the onus is on the shoulders of the optometrist both morally and ethically to whom they can supply BiOptic aids.

All the above will be discussed and statistics given on how many BiOptics have been prescribed, the magnifications; the acuities; monocular vs binocular; the type of training undergone for driving and the other uses for BiOptics.

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