

**British and Irish Orthoptic Society**  
**Guidelines for Accreditation of Learning Activities.**

1. Applications for accreditation will be considered by all members of the BIOS Professional Development Committee (PDC).
2. If PDC judge that there is not the relevant expertise on the committee to make a decision, the authors of the relevant chapter of the “Competency Standards and Professional Practice Guidelines for the Extended Role of the Orthoptist” will be asked to contribute to the accreditation process.
3. Accreditation will be awarded at 2 levels according to the following definitions:

Level I	A learning activity that would be expected to contribute to the continued professional development of an Orthoptist.
Level II	A learning activity which can be shown by its objectives, content, delivery and assessment to meet BIOS standards <sup>1,2</sup> for competent practice.
4. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the Chairman of BIOS PDC within 4 weeks of their application being received.
5. Successful applicants may advertise their learning activity as having BIOS accreditation at the awarded level.

Outside agencies wishing to apply for BIOS accreditation should complete the application form available from:

- [www.orthoptics.org.uk](http://www.orthoptics.org.uk)
- British and Irish Orthoptic Society  
Tavistock House North  
Tavistock Square  
London  
WC1 9HX  
Telephone 020 7387 7992  
Email [bios@orthoptics.org.uk](mailto:bios@orthoptics.org.uk)

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<sup>1</sup> BIOS Competency Standards and Professional Practice Guidelines

<sup>2</sup> BIOS Competency Standards and Professional Practice Guidelines for the Extended Role of the Orthoptist