**[Template letter for optical practice staff to produce as evidence for COVID-19 vaccine eligibility]**

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[Practice/organisation name and address]

To whom it may concern

**Eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine**

This is to certify that [name of employee] works for [name of practice/organisation] in the optical sector which has been identified as one which has a continuing need to operate during the national lockdown, as defined in the [Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) regulations 2020, Schedule 3A, para 17](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1374/schedule/3A/paragraph/17).

[Name of practice/organisation] is a provider of eye health care, working as part of NHS primary care provision to maintain the delivery of eyecare to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The [COVID-19 green book](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a) clarifies that workers involved in direct patient care fall into priority group 2: frontline healthcare staff, for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

If there are any enquiries about this, please contact [insert name and contact details].

Yours sincerely,

[Insert name]

[Insert job title]