



# Full Colorimetry Consultation for Students in Higher Education

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## How to arrange an appointment

Once you have been informed that you require a consultation and that funding has been agreed by your college, you may contact us to arrange an appointment.

Here is some information and answers to some commonly asked questions.

Please telephone 020 8458 0599 or e-mail [reception@barnardlevit.com](mailto:reception@barnardlevit.com)

1. Explain you wish to arrange for a **Full Colorimetry Consultation**
2. Please make it clear that you are a Student in Higher Education and have written evidence of SFE funding. This is to ensure you will be seen at the agreed reduced student fee and be booked with the relevant optometrist
3. Please tell the receptionist the name of the college or person or who referred you and that you have written evidence of agreed SFE funding.
4. The SFE may fund all or part of the cost of Cerium Tinted spectacles.  
You should be informed of how much allowance you will be given.



## How to find us

Our practice is at Zamenof House, 58 Clifton Gardens, Finchley Rd, London NW11 7EL. The practice is the white house on the corner of Finchley Rd and Clifton Gardens. It is opposite Temple Fortune Police Station. Temple Fortune is part of Golders Green.

## Parking

Subject to availability there are parking spaces for patients in the drive at side of the house.

## Buses

The following buses may be used: **82, 102, 460.**

## Tube

Our nearest underground station is Golders Green. Come out of the station and turn **right past the station kiosk shops**. Then turn right on Finchley Rd and walk northwards passing under the railway bridge. Keep going straight on. Cross over the traffic lights (Hoop Lane) and walk on until you get to the **second** entrance to Clifton Gardens. We are on the corner.

**SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE**





## What are the costs of assessment?

Student Finance England pays for a “Full Colorimetry Consultation”. College of Optometrist guidelines (E02 published May 2012) advise that all patients should have an eye and binocular vision examination before tinted lenses are prescribed. At Barnard Levit **this is all an integral part of the Full Colorimetry Consultation.**

## Allowing plenty of time

Our nearest Underground station is Golders Green on the Northern Line. We have a car park at the side of the practice, which you are welcome to use if there is a space available.

If you have been given a symptom questionnaire, please bring it completed to your appointment.

Please allow plenty of travelling time. It is better to arrive early, relax in the waiting room, have a cup of tea or coffee rather than be late and feel stressed.

The appointment for the Eye Examination, visual assessment and possible Intuitive Colorimetry will usually last at least an hour. **So, please allow plenty of time for your appointment in the consulting room** and remember that more time may be necessary if you require tinted spectacles dispensed subsequently as you will need to discuss your frame and lens requirements with one of our qualified Dispensing Opticians.



## **What if I can't make the appointment or need to rearrange the time?**

Please do note that if you are unable to make the appointment we respectfully request you give us 48 hours notice. If you fail to do so and your appointment time is not filled with another patient, **you will be charged a fee of £78.**

## **Financial arrangements**

If you have written evidence of SFE funding you will not be asked to pay for the consultation. However, if your college has instructed you pay the fee directly you will be asked to pay immediately after your appointment. The practice accepts all forms of payment (cash/credit card/cheque). **You will be given a receipt for you to reclaim any fee for which you may be eligible.**

If you require spectacles including those incorporating a Cerium Precision tint, we will ask you for a minimum of 50% deposit for spectacles before we can order them. Cerium Precision lenses cost from £145. We have a range of "student" spectacle frames from £30. Alternatively, may be able to use your present spectacle frames.

## **Will I get a written report?**

Unless you request otherwise, a routine clinical report will be prepared and sent to the professional who referred you. It would be helpful if you bring the name and address of the person who assessed you. You will, of course, be sent a copy of the report. The report will outline the clinical findings, the advice you have been given and, if you have been prescribed tinted spectacles, what these may be used for (e.g., reading, writing and/or computer use). You will be



advised whether the spectacles may also be used safely for driving and in sunlight. We **do not** charge an additional fee for this written report for students in Higher Education funded by the SFE.

## **Collecting your spectacles**

If spectacles (including tinted spectacles) are being dispensed, our Dispensing Opticians would prefer to see you personally for collection to ensure the frames are fitting comfortably and correctly.

However, we do have patients coming from long distances both within the UK and overseas, and if you are unable to collect your spectacles we can adjust the frames to fit you at your initial appointment. They can then be sent by registered post or courier. Our receptionist will be pleased to arrange this and advise you of any additional costs involved.

Cerium Precision tinted spectacles usually take between three and six weeks to arrive at the practice.

## **What happens once I have received my spectacles?**

Your optometrist is interested in your progress and wants to know how you are getting on.

If you have been prescribed and dispensed Cerium Precision tinted spectacles your optometrist will very much appreciate and welcome feedback after a few weeks by telephone, mail or e-mail.

As with anyone else, you will need ongoing routine eye checks in the future. You are very welcome to return in the future. We will send you a reminder



when you are next due. Alternatively, you may wish to revert to your regular family optometrist.

### **If you want to know more**

For further information the following websites may be helpful to you. You will find listed in the Cerium and Society of Coloured Lens Prescriber websites details of practitioners who may be more local to you.

<b>Barnard Levit Optometrists</b>	<a href="http://www.barnardlevit.com">www.barnardlevit.com</a>
<b>Cerium Visual Technologies</b>	<a href="http://www.ceriumvistech.co.uk">www.ceriumvistech.co.uk</a>
<b>Society for Coloured Lens Prescribers</b>	<a href="http://www.s4clp.org">www.s4clp.org</a>
<b>Essex University/Prof. Wilkins</b>	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/psychology/overlays">www.essex.ac.uk/psychology/overlays</a>