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The Vision Council Announces the Publication of ANSI Z80.1–2025, Prescription Ophthalmic Lenses – Recommendations

Alexandria, VA – January 15, 2026 – **The Vision Council**, as the Secretariat Administrator for **Accredited Standards Committee Z80**, is pleased to announce the revision of technical standard titled, **ANSI ASC Z80.1-2025, Prescription Ophthalmic Lenses - Recommendations**.

This revision supersedes the 2020 Standard and represents five years of work by a team of industry experts, led by Chair Dick Whitney, Vice Chair Rick Tinson, Secretary Dr. Karl Citek, OD, PhD, representing the American Optometric Association, and Michael Vitale, ABOM of The Vision Council serving as the Secretariat for ASC Z80.

This important revision includes modifications and additions that have been made to ensure that this standard remains current with the latest industry advancements and technology. These include clarification of lens verification points and descriptions of localized power errors, tolerances for claims for transmittance attenuation of visible wavelengths, new tolerances for prescribed prism and a fully revised Optical and Mechanical Tolerances summary table.

A copy of the updated standard can be purchased at the [ANSI webstore](#).

The Accredited Standards Committee Z80 (ASC Z80) is a long-established group tasked with the development of national standards for ophthalmic optics including prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, ophthalmic instruments and medical devices including intraocular lenses and laser systems, and is the only entity accredited by ANSI to develop national standards in the ophthalmic optics field.

The Vision Council serves as the leading voice in developing and refining standards for ophthalmic optics, working with domestic U.S. and international agencies, ensuring our members are positioned properly in the industry and that their products serve the needs of the public.

For more information on technical standards or to access industry resources, including a [Points of Interest Guide](#) with a summary of this standard, visit thevisioncouncil.org.

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About The Vision Council

The Vision Council brings the power of sight to all through education, government relations, research, and technical standards. A leading advocate for the optical industry, the association positions its members to deliver the eyewear and eyecare people need to look and feel their best. Vital to health, independence, and safety, better vision leads to better lives.

About the ASC Z80

Accredited Standards Committee Z80 for Ophthalmic Optics develops and maintains American National Standards within its scope and develops U.S. positions at ISO. The Z80 Committee, established in 1956, is a U.S. national standards developer accredited by ANSI. Its current chair is Dr. Carl Tubbs of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The committee, made up of 20 voting organizations and more than 200 participants, meets twice a year.