

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO NAMES THAT MAY NOT BE USED IN RELATION TO THE PROFESSION OF OPTOMETRY

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The Minister of Health has, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, in terms of [section 61](#)(1), read with [section 40](#)(c) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), made the regulations in the Schedule.

### SCHEDULE

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#### **1. Definitions**

In this Schedule “the Act” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning.

#### **2. Names that may not be used**

No person who is not registered in terms of the Act as -

- (a) an optometrist;
- (b) a dispensing optician or
- (c) an ophthalmologist,

may use that particular appellation or any derivatives thereof.

#### **3. Repeal**

The Regulations published under Government Notice No. R. 872 of 8 September 2000 are hereby repealed.

(Signed)

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**MINISTER OF HEALTH**