

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION BY OPTOMETRISTS OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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GN R2469	RG 4023	28/11/86
GN R2352	RG 4141	23/10/87
GN R3418	GG 14489	24/12/92

In terms of [section 61](#)(1)(o) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), the Minister of Health and Welfare, acting on the recommendation of the South African Medical and Dental Council, has made the regulations set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

1. In this Schedule “**the Act**” shall mean the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates

“**the regulations**” shall mean the regulations published under Government Notice R2313 of 3 December 1976.

2. The regulations are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF OPTOMETRISTS

The following qualifications held by optometrists shall be registrable as additional qualifications under [section 35](#) of the Act:

University or examining authority and qualification	Abbreviation for registration
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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

South African Optical Association

Fellow

F Optical Assoc (SA)

South African Optometric Association.

Fellow

FOA (SA)

Diploma in Optometry

Dip Optom (SA)

University of the North

	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom (North)
<i>University of Durban-Westville</i>	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom (Durban-Westville)
	Master of Optometry	M Optom (Durban-Westville)
	Doctor of Optometry	D Optom (Durban-Westville)

<i>South African Optometric Association</i>	Diploma in Advanced Orthoptics and Binocular Vision	DOBV (SA)
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AUSTRALIA

<i>University of Melbourne</i>	Bachelor of Science in Optometry	B Sc (Optom) (Melb)
<i>Queensland Institute of Technology</i>	Diploma of Applied Science (Optometry)	Dip Optom (Queensland Inst of Tech)

CANADA

<i>University of Waterloo</i>	Doctor of Optometry	OD (Waterloo)
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NEW-ZEALAND

<i>University of Auckland</i>	Diploma in Optometry	Dip Optom (Auckland)
	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom (Auckland)

UNITED KINGDOM

<i>Institute of Optical Science</i>	Member	MIOS
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<i>Scottish Association of Opticians</i>	Fellow	FSAO
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<i>Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers</i>	Fellow	FSMC
	Higher Diploma in Ophthalmic Optics	SMHD

<i>Association of Ophthalmic Opticians, Ireland*</i>	Fellow	FAOO (Irel)
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British College of Ophthalmic Opticians (Optometrists)

Foundation Fellow	FBCO
Fellow	FBCO
Member	MBCO
Diploma in Ophthalmic Optics	DCLP

British Optical Association

Fellow	FBOA
Higher or Honours Diploma	FBOA HD
Advanced Contact Lens Diploma	DCLP

UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

University of Alabama

Doctor of Optometry	OD (Alabama)
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University of California

Doctor of Optometry	OD (California)
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University of Houston

Doctor of Optometry	OD (Houston)
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Illinois College of Optometry

Doctor of Optometry	OD (Illinois Coil of Optom)
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Indiana University

Doctor of Optometry	OD (Indiana)
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Ohio State University

Doctor of Optometry	OD (Ohio State)
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Pacific University

Doctor of Optometry	OD (Pacific)
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Southern California College of Optometry

Doctor of Optometry	OD (Southern California Col of Optom)
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American Academy of Optometry

Diploma (Contact Lens Section)	FAAO
Fellow	FAAO

*This qualification will be recognised only if granted after 31 December 1978 and if evidence is submitted that the training for the qualification commenced after 31 December 1974.

[Reg. 2 amended by GNR2469/86, GN R2352/87 and GN R3418/92]