

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

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The Interim National Medical and Dental Council of South Africa has, in terms of [section 32](#) (1), read with [section 61](#) (4), of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), made the following rules, in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice No. 535 of 1982 as amended by Board Notices 53 of 12 July 1988 and 27 of 22 June 1990.

SCHEDULE

1. The professional board may register as a dispensing optician any applicant who has obtained after examination any of the following qualifications:

Examining authority and qualification

Abbreviation for registration

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

South African Medical and Dental Council -

Examination in Optical Dispensing Exam

SAMD Council

Department of National Education-

National Diploma in Optical Dispensing Nat Dip Opt

Dispensing (SA)

CANADA

Georgian College-

Diploma Dispensing Optical* DDO Canada

UNITED KINGDOM

Association of Dispensing Opticians -

Fellow* FADO

Honours Fellow* FADO (Hons)

Association of British Dispensing Opticians-

Fellowship Diploma* FBDO

Honours Fellowship Diploma* FBDO (Hons)

British Optical Association -

Dispensing Certificate* BOA (Disp)

Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers-

Diploma in Dispensing Optics* SMC (Disp)

Faculty of Dispensing Opticians-

Foundation Fellowship* FFFDO

Fellow* FFDO

Member* MFDO

* Recognised only until 31 October 1997, except for SA citizens who have commenced with studies for the relevant qualification prior to 31 October 1997.

2. Where, in the case of an application for registration, the qualification on which the application is based has not already been approved by the professional board, the applicant shall be required to cause the professional board to be furnished with authoritative

information as to the training required for such qualification, whereupon, if the standard of such training is considered satisfactory by the professional board, such qualification may be approved.