

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR OPTOMETRY AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS

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The Minister of Health has, in terms of [section 15](#) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act 29 of 2007, and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

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SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In these regulations “**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act No. 29 of 2007, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise -

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Optometry and Dispensing Opticians established in terms of [section 15](#) of the Act;

“**designated groups**” means black people, women and persons with disabilities who, for the purposes of these regulations, shall be protected and advanced in the following order of the levels of disadvantage of the past, which must be taken into consideration in the appointment process:

- (a) women;
- (b) men of African, Asian or coloured descent; and
- (c) disabled persons, irrespective of descent; and

“**section**” means a section of the Act.

2. Constitution of the board

The board shall consist of the following 13 members who permanently reside in South Africa:

- (a) six optometrists, of whom at least five shall be from designated groups and at least two shall be women, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the register of optometrists;
- (b) two dispensing opticians, of whom at least one shall be from designated groups, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the register of dispensing opticians;
- (c) one person registered with the board, who shall be appointed by the Higher Education South Africa (HESA) to represent the educational institutions accredited by the board;
- (d) one person representing the department of health, who shall be appointed by the Minister; and
- (e) three community representatives, who shall be appointed by the Minister.

3. Repeal

The Regulations relating to the Constitution of a Professional Board for Optometry and Dispensing Opticians published under Government Notice No. R. 1064 of 28 July 2003 are hereby repealed.

(Signed)
MINISTER OF HEALTH
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