



## OPTOMETRISTS AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS REGULATIONS 1997

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MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 8th day of December 1997

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 53 of the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Act 1976, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and on the advice of the Minister of Health given after consultation by the Minister with the Opticians Board, makes the following regulations.

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### REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1997.

(2) These regulations come into force on 9 January 1998.

**2. Interpretation**—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Act” means the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Act 1976.

**3. Recognised qualifications**—(1) For the purposes of section 15 (a) (ii) of the Act, the qualifications that may be recognised by the Board are those described in Schedule 1.

(2) For the purposes of section 16 (a) (ii) of the Act, the qualifications that may be recognised by the Board are those described in Schedule 2.

**4. Registration**—(1) An application for registration as an optometrist under section 15 of the Act, and an application for registration as a dispensing optician under section 16 of the Act, must—

- (a) Be made in the form prescribed by the Board; and
- (b) Be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(2) The registers maintained under sections 14 (1) (a) and 14 (1) (b) of the Act must contain the following information in relation to each registered optician:

- (a) Registration number:
- (b) Date of registration:
- (c) Full name:
- (d) Postal address:
- (e) Qualifications.

(3) A certificate of registration as an optometrist and a certificate of registration as a dispensing optician must be in a form prescribed by the Board.

**5. Fees**—(1) The fees specified in Schedule 3 are payable in respect of the matters specified in that schedule.

(2) The fees prescribed by these regulations are inclusive of goods and services tax.

**6. Notification of certain decisions**—If the Board makes a decision in respect of any person, and that person has a right to appeal that decision under the Act, the Secretary to the Board must, without delay, notify that person in writing of the decision and the reasons for it.

**7. Revocations**—The regulations specified in Schedule 4 are revoked.

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SCHEDULES

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SCHEDULE 1

Reg. 3 (1)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS OPTOMETRIST

- Degree of Bachelor of Optometry of the University of Auckland.
- Degree of Bachelor of Optometry of the University of Auckland with honours.
- Degree of Bachelor of Optometry of the University of New South Wales.
- Degree of Bachelor of Optometry of the University of Melbourne.
- Membership of the British College of Optometrists, obtained on or after 1 July 1980.
- Membership of the College of Optometrists, obtained on or after 1 July 1996.
- Degree of Bachelor of Applied Science (Optometry) of the Queensland University of Technology.
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Optometry of the University of Melbourne.

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SCHEDULE 2

Reg. 3 (2)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS DISPENSING OPTICIAN

- Advanced Certificate in Optical Dispensing awarded by the New South Wales Technical and Further Education Commission.
- Certificate of Practical Competence issued by the Association of Dispensing Opticians of New Zealand Incorporated.
- Fellowship of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians.

Reg. 5

SCHEDULE 3  
PRESCRIBED FEES

Matter in respect of which fee payable	Fee (\$) (incl GST)
Registration as optometrist under section 15 or dispensing optician under section 16 ... ..	230
Annual practising certificate under section 40 (4)	280
Certificate of registration under section 14 (8) as optometrist or dispensing optician ... ..	30
Alteration of entry in register under section 21 (2)	12
Restoration of name to register under section 23 (4)	55
Inspection of register under section 14 (6) ...	50
Supplying any document to enable an optician to seek registration outside New Zealand ... ..	30

Reg. 7

SCHEDULE 4  
REGULATIONS REVOKED

Regulations	Statutory Regulations Serial Number
The Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1977 ... ..	S.R. 1977/83
The Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 2 ...	S.R. 1979/275
The Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 4 ...	S.R. 1983/126
The Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 6 ...	S.R. 1988/231
The Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 12 ...	S.R. 1993/62
The Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 13 ...	S.R. 1995/19

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 9 January 1998, replace the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Regulations 1977.

The regulations deal with a variety of matters in respect of opticians. In particular,—

- The qualifications that may be recognised by the Opticians Board when considering applications for registration as an optometrist or a dispensing optician (*regulation 3*). A number of the qualifications have changed from those prescribed in the 1977 regulations. The qualifications are set out in *Schedules 1 and 2*;
- The form of the application for registration and the certificate of registration. These forms must be prescribed by the Board (*regulation 4*);
- The fees that are payable in respect of registration and other related matters (*regulation 5*). The fees remain unchanged from those prescribed in the 1977 regulations.

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