

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION BY OPTOMETRISTS OF
ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Minister of Health intends, under section 35 (2) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) and after consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance Mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za and paul.tsebe@health.gov.za), within three months of the date of publication of this Notice.



DR M.J PHAAHLA, MP

MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 10/08/2023

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates: -
“the Act” means the Health Professions Act, 1974, (Act No. 56 of 1974).

Additional qualifications

2. The following qualifications held by Optometrists are registrable as additional qualifications under section 35 of the Act:-

<i>Examining Authority</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
University of Durban – Westville (UKZN)	Master of Optometry	MOptom (Durban-Westville)
	Doctor of Optometry	PhD
University of the Free State	Master of Optometry	MOptom

Repeal of laws

2. Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Registration by Optometrists of Additional Qualifications published under Government Notice R1103 in Government Gazette 9242 of 30 May 1984, are hereby repealed.

Short title

3. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Registration by Optometrists of Additional Qualifications, 2023.