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 has, 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, made the regulations in the Schedule.

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MINISTER OF HEALTH
DATE: 9/3/2020

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;

"Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974, (Act No. 56 of 1974).

Registrable Additional Qualifications

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

Examining Authority	***Qualification***	***Abbreviation for registration***
University of Durban – Westville (UKZN)	Bachelor of Optometry	BOptom (Durban-Westville)
	Master of Optometry	MOptom (Durban-Westvilie)
	Doctor of Optometry	DOptom (Durban-Westville)
University of KwaZulu-Natal	Master of Optometry	MOptom (UKZN)
	Doctor of Philosophy	DPhil (UKZN)

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Examining Authority	***Qualification***	***Abbreviation for registration***
University of the Free State	Master of Optometry	MOptom (UFS)
University of Johannesburg	Master's in Philosophy in Optometry	MPhil (UJ)
	Master of Health Science in Optometry	MHSc (UJ)
	Doctor of Philosophy in Optometry	DPhil (UJ)
	Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science: Optometry	DHSc (UJ)

Repeal

3. The regulations relating to the registration by optometrists of additional qualifications as published under Government Notice No. R1103 in *Government Gazette No.* 9242 of 30 May 1984 are hereby repealed.

Short title

4. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating To The Registration By Optometrists Of Additional Qualifications, 2026.

UMTHETHO WABASEBENZI BEZEMPILO, KA1974 (UMTHETHO NO.56 KA1974)

IMIQATHANGO NGOKUMAYELANA NOBHALISO LWEZAKHONO EZONGEZIWEYO ZOOGQIRHA BAMEHLO

UMphathiswa wezeMpilo uthe, ngaphantsi kwesolotya 35 (2) loMthetho wabaSebenzi bezeMpilo, ka1974 (uMthetho No. 56 ka1974) kwaye emva kokuthethana neBhunga labaSebenzi bezeMpilo loMzantsi Afrika, wenza le miqathango kwiShedyuli.

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UMPHATHISWA WEZEMPILO
UMHLA: 9/3/2026

SHEDYULI

Iingcaciso

1. Kule miqathango, naliphi na igama okanye intetho ethe yanikwa intsingiselo kulo Mthetho iza kuhlala naloo ntsingiselo iyinikiweyo, ngaphandle kokuba umongo ubhekisele kwenye into;

"uMthetho" ubhekisa kuMthetho wabaSebenzi bezeMpilo, ka1974 (uMthetho No. 56 ka1974).

Izakhono ezoNgeziweyo eziBhalisekayo

2. Ezi zakhono zilandelayo zooGqirha bamehlo ziyabhaliseka njengezakhono ezongezekileyo ngaphantsi kwesolotya 35 loMthetho:

IBhunga eliHlolayo	***Isakhono***	***Isishunqulelo sesakhono***
IYunivesithi yaseThekwini – IWestville (UKZN)	Bachelor of Optometry	BOptom (Durban-Westville)
	Master of Optometry	MOptom (Durban-Westville
	Doctor of Optometry	DOptom (Durban-Westville)
IYunivesithi yaKwaZulu-Natal	Master of Optometry	MOptom (UKZN)
	Doctor of Philosophy	DPhil (UKZN)

IBhunga eliHlolayo	*Isakhono*	*Isishunqulelo sesakhono*
IYunivesithi yaseFree State	Master of Optometry	MOptom (UFS)
IYunivesithi yaseRhawutini	Master's of Philosophy in Optometry	MPhil (UJ)
	Master of Health Science in Optometry	MHSc (UJ)
	Doctor of Philosophy in Optometry	DPhil (UJ)
	Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science: Optometry	DHSc (UJ)

Ukucinywa

3. Imiqathango ngokumayelana nobhaliso lwezakhono ezongeziweyo zoogqirha bamehlo nanjengeko kupapashwe ngaphantsi kweSaziso sikaRhulumente No. R1103 kwiGazethi kaRhulumente No. 9242 womhla wama30 kwekaCanzibe 1984 uthe ke ngoko wacinywa.

Isihloko esifutshane

4. Le miqathango ibizwa ngokuba yimiQathango ngokuMayelana noBhaliso lweZakhono ezoNgeziweyo zooGqirha baMehlo, ka2026.