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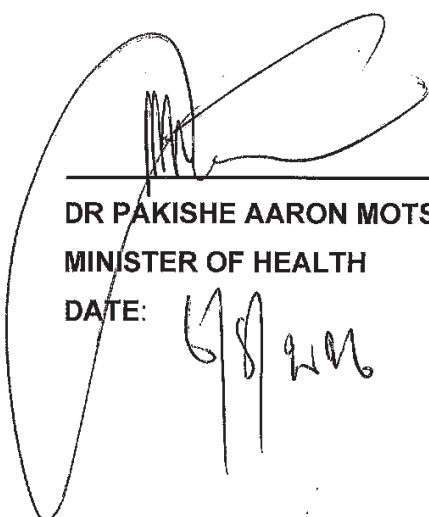
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11 September 2026

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

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF
OPTOMETRISTS: AMENDMENT, 2026

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.



DR PAKISHE AARON MOTSOLEDI, MP
MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE:

6/8/2026

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the regulations shall bear such meaning, unless the context indicates otherwise –

“**regulations**” means the regulations relating to the qualifications for the registration of optometrists as published under Government Notice No. 2599 in *Government Gazette* No. 47257 of 07 October 2022; and

“**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 ((Act No. 56 of 1974).

Substitution of regulation 2 of the regulations

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 2 of the regulations –

“2. The Registrar may register as an Optometrist any person who –

- (a) is in possession of the following qualifications; and
- (b) has passed the national examination determined by the professional board for optometry and dispensing opticians.

Examining Authority	Qualification	Abbreviation for registration
Technikon Witwatersrand	Bachelor of Technology (Optometry)	B Tech (Optom) Wits Tech
	Diploma in Optometry SA	Dip Optom Wits Tech
University of Durban-Westville	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Durban-Westville

<i>Examining Authority</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
University of the North	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom North
Rand Afrikaans University	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom RAU
University of the Free State	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Free State
University of Johannesburg	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Johannesburg
University of KwaZulu Natal	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom KwaZulu Natal
University of Limpopo	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Limpopo

Short title

3. The Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Qualifications for registration of Optometrists: Amendment, 2026.

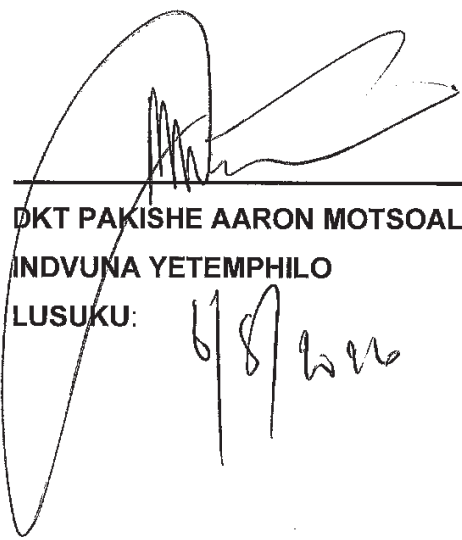
SATISO SAHULUMENDE

LITIKO LETEMPHILO

UMTSETFO WEMISEBENTI YETEMPHILO, 1974 (UMTSETFO NO.56 WANGA 1974)

**IMITSETFOMGOMO LEPHATSELENE NETICU TEKUBHALISWA
KWEBODOKOTELA BEKUHLOLISISA EMEHLO: KUCHITJIYELWA, 2026**

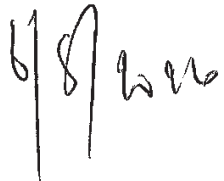
Indvuna Yetemphilo, ngekulandzela sigaba 24 seMtsetfo Wetemisebenti Yetemphilo, 1974 (uMtsetfo No. 56 wanga-1974), nangekuncoma kweMkhandlu Wetemisebenti Yetemphilo eNingizimu Afrika, yente imitsetfomgomo kuleLuhlelo.



DKT PAKISHE AARON MOTSOLEDI, MP

INDVUNA YETEMPHILO

LUSUKU:



LUHLELO

Tinchazelo

1. Kulemitsetfomgomo kanye nanobe nguliphi ligama nobe inkhulumo leniketwe inchazelo kulemitsetfomgomo, itawuba naleyonchazelo, ngaphandle uma ingcikitsi isho ngaleny indlela –

“imitsetfomgomo” kusho imitsetfomgomo lephatselene neticu tekubhaliswa kwebodokotela bekuhlolisisa emehlo njengobe ishicilelwe ngaphasi kweSatiso saHulumende No. 2599 *kuGazethi yaHulumende* No. 47257 ngamhlaka 07 Imphala 2022; futsi

“uMtsetfo” kusho uMtsetfo Wetemisebenti Yetemphilo, (uMtsetfo No. 56 wanga-1974).

Kufakwa esikhundleni semtsetfomgomo 2 wemitsetfomgomo

2. Lomtsetfomgomo lolandzelako ufakwa esikhundleni semtsetfomgomo 2 kulemitsetfomgomo –

“2. Umbhalisi angabhalisa njenga-Dokotela wekuhlolisisa emehlo nobe ngumuphi umuntfu –

(a) uneticu letilandzelako; futsi

(b) aphumelele kuhlolwa kwavelonkhe lokuncunywe ngumkhandlu wemisebenti yetemehlo kanye nebasebenti labenta tibuko.

<i>Ligunya lelihlolako</i>	<i>Ticu</i>	<i>Tifinyeto tekubhalisa</i>
Technikon Witwatersrand	<i>Bachelor of Technology (Optometry)</i> <i>Diploma in Optometry SA</i>	<i>B Tech (Optom) Wits Tech</i> <i>Dip Optom Wits Tech</i>
iNyuvesi yaseThekwini-Westville	<i>Bachelor of Optometry</i>	<i>B Optom Durban-Westville</i>
Inyuvesi yaseNyakatfo	<i>Bachelor of Optometry</i>	<i>B Optom North</i>
I-Rand Afrikaans University	<i>Bachelor of Optometry</i>	<i>B Optom RAU</i>
Inyuvesi yaseFree State	<i>Bachelor of Optometry</i>	<i>B Optom Free State</i>
Inyuvesi yaseGoli	<i>Bachelor of Optometry</i>	<i>B Optom Johannesburg</i>
Inyuvesi yaseKwaZulu Natal	<i>Bachelor of Optometry</i>	<i>B Optom KwaZulu Natal</i>
Inyuvesi yaseLimpopo	<i>Bachelor of Optometry</i>	<i>B Optom Limpopo</i>

Sihloko lesifishane

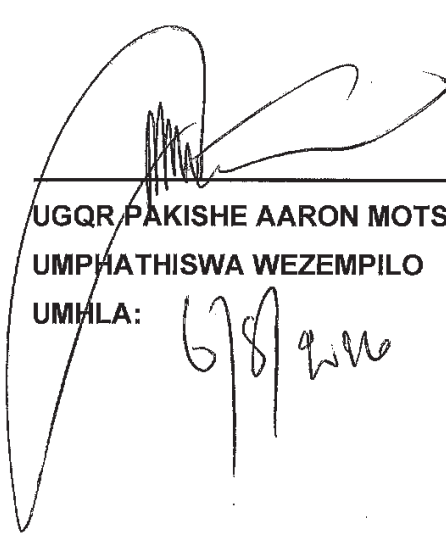
3. Lemitsetfomgomo ibitwa ngekutsi iMitssetfomgomo Lephatsele neTicu Tekubhaliswa kweBodokotela Bekuhlolisisa emehlo: Kuchitjiyelwa, 2026.

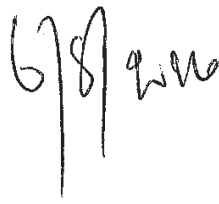
ISAZISO SIKARHULUMENTE

ISEBE LEZEMPILO

UMTHETHO WABASEBENZI BEZEMPILO, KA-1974 (UMTHETHO NO.56 KA-1974)**IMIQATHANGO NGOKUMAYELANA NOBHALISO LWEZAKHONO ZOOGQIRHA
BAMEHLO: ISIHLOMELO, 2026**

UMphathiswa wezeMpilo uthe, ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 24 loMthetho wabaSebenzi bezeMpilo, 1974 (uMthetho No. 56 ka-1974), kwaye emva kokucetyiswa liBhunga labaSebenzi bezeMpilo loMzantsi Afrika, wenza imiqathango kwiShedyuli.



UGQR PAKISHE AARON MOTSOLEDI, ILUNGU LEPALAMENTE**UMPHATHISWA WEZEMPILO****UMHLA:**

SHEDYULI**lingcaciso**

1. Kule miqathango kunye kulo naliphi na igama okanye intetho ithe yanikwa intsingiselo kule miqathango iza kuhlala naloo ntsingiselo, ngaphandle kokuba umongo ubhekisele kwenye into –

“imiqathango” ibhekisa kwimiqathango emayelana nobhaliso lwezakhono zoogqirha bamahlo nanjengeko ipapashiwe kwiSaziso sikaRhulumente No. 2599 kwiGazethi kaRhulumente No. 47257 yomhla wesi-07 kweyeDwarha 2022; kwaye

“uMthetho” ubhekisa kuMthetho wabaSebenzi bezeMpilo, 56 ka-1974.

Ukutshintshwa komqathango 2 weMiqathango

2. Lo mqathango ulandelayo uye watshintshelwa kulo mqathango 2 weMiqathango:

“2. UMbhalisa unako ukubhalisa njengoGqirha waMehlo umntu othe –

- (a) waba nezi zifundo zilandelayo; kwaye
- (b) abe uziphumelele iimviwo zesizwe eziqingqwe libhunga labasebenzi bezamehlo.

<i>IBhunga eliHlodayo</i>	<i>Isakhono</i>	<i>Isishunqulelo sobhaliso</i>
Technikon Witwatersrand	Bachelor of Technology (Optometry) Diploma in Optometry SA	B Tech (Optom) Wits Tech Dip Optom Wits Tech
IYunivesithi yaseThekwini –	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Durban-Westville

<i>IBhunga eliHlolayo</i>	<i>Isakhono</i>	<i>Isishunqulelo sobhaliso</i>
Westville		
IYunivesithi yaseMntla-Ntshona	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom North
Rand Afrikaans University	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom RAU
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IYunivesithi yaseRhawutini	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Johannesburg
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Isihloko esifutshane

3. Le miqathango ibizwa ngokuba yimiQathango eMayelana nobhaliso lwezakhono zoGqirha baMehlo: Isihlomelo, 2026.