

Optometrists and Opticians (Exemption from Section 25(1)) Order

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1. This Order may be cited as the Optometrists and Opticians (Exemption from section 25(1)) Order.

Exemption of licensed contact lens practitioners under repealed Act

2.—(1) A person who is deemed to be registered as an optician pursuant to section 39(1) of the Act is hereby exempted from section 25(1) of the Act in relation to the acts or activities specified in items 2, 5 and 6 in Part II of the Schedule to the Act, where such acts or activities relate to contact lenses.

(2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1) shall affect the liability of a person in tort or under the Act for professional misconduct or negligence in relation to the provision of optometry services involving contact lenses.

Exemption of orthoptists

3. An individual who holds a degree in orthoptics or such equivalent qualification as the Board may approve in any particular case, is exempted from section 25(1) of the Act in relation to the performance by the individual of refraction, and of binocular vision tests and visual field tests to detect abnormalities of the eye of a patient if —

- (a) for an individual who obtained that degree prior to 1 January 2008, he performs the refraction, binocular vision tests and visual field tests under the supervision of an ophthalmologist or on an ophthalmologist's patient upon a referral from the ophthalmologist; or
- (b) for an individual who obtained that degree on or after 1 January 2008 —
 - (i) he holds, in addition, any qualification specified in the Schedule or such equivalent qualification as the Board may approve in any particular case; and
 - (ii) he performs the refraction, binocular vision tests and visual field tests under the supervision of an ophthalmologist or on an ophthalmologist's patient upon a referral from the ophthalmologist.

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Exemption of manufacturers of, and wholesale dealers in, optical appliances, etc.

4. A person who is a manufacturer of, or a wholesale dealer in, optical appliances or