

**Optometrists and Opticians (Registration and Practising Certificates)
Regulations 2008**

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OPTOMETRISTS AND OPTICIANS ACT 2007
(ACT 36 OF 2007)

OPTOMETRISTS AND OPTICIANS (REGISTRATION AND PRACTISING
CERTIFICATES) REGULATIONS 2008

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Optometrists and Opticians Act 2007, the Minister for Health, after consulting the Optometrists and Opticians Board, hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Optometrists and Opticians (Registration and Practising Certificates) Regulations 2008 and shall come into operation on 22nd February 2008.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Accreditation and Examinations Committee” means a committee appointed by the Board under section 30 of the Act;

“approved foreign qualification in opticianry” means a certificate or diploma in opticianry obtained from a foreign institution specified in Part II of the First Schedule;

“approved foreign qualification in optometry” means a diploma or degree in optometry obtained from a foreign institution specified in Part II of the Second Schedule;

“approved local qualification in opticianry” means a certificate or diploma in opticianry obtained from a local institution specified in Part I of the First Schedule;

“approved local qualification in optometry” means a diploma or degree in optometry obtained from a local institution specified in Part I of the Second Schedule;

“Certificate in Contact Lens Practice” means a certificate in Contact Lens Practice issued by the Singapore Polytechnic between 1990 and 1995;

“conditional registration” means a registration subject to such conditions as the Board thinks fit.

PART II

REGISTRATION OF OPTOMETRISTS AND OPTICIANS

Credentials Committee

3.—(1) The Board may appoint a committee, to be known as the Credentials Committee, to assist the Board in dealing with applications for registration as an optometrist or an optician.

(2) The Credentials Committee shall consist of at least one member of the Board and such number of other persons as the Board may determine.

(3) The Board shall appoint a member of the Credentials Committee as the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) The term of office of the members and the quorum of the Credentials Committee shall be determined by the Board.

(5) The Board may refer to the Credentials Committee any application for registration and the Committee shall consider such application and recommend to the Board whether —

- (a) the applicant should be granted full, conditional or provisional registration, as the case may be;
- (b) the application should be refused;
- (c) the applicant should be required to sit for and pass a qualifying examination before being granted any type of registration; or
- (d) the applicant should be required to undergo further training at an institution or establishment approved by the Board before being granted any type of registration.

(6) For the purpose of making a recommendation under paragraph (5), the Credentials Committee may —

- (a) interview the applicant;

- (b) make inquiries relating to the applicant's qualifications and practical experience as the Committee thinks necessary; and
- (c) take such other action as the Committee considers necessary.

(7) Upon considering the recommendation of the Credentials Committee, the Board may —

- (a) accept the recommendation of the Committee; or
- (b) refer the matter back to the Committee for further consideration.

Application for registration

4.—(1) An application for registration as an optometrist or an optician under section 15(1) of the Act shall be made in such form as the Board may require.

(2) The application form shall be submitted by the applicant to the Registrar and shall be accompanied by the following:

- (a) a certified true copy of the relevant certificate, diploma or degree;
- (b) where applicable, details in writing of the applicant's practical experience in optometry or opticianry, including details of the nature, duration and extent of the experience in such form as the Board may require;
- (c) where the applicant is required to sit for a qualifying examination, a certified true copy of the certificate issued by an Accreditation and Examinations Committee or any institution of higher learning authorised by the Board under section 30(2) of the Act certifying that the applicant has passed such examination;
- (d) where the applicant is registered to carry out optometry or opticianry in a foreign country —
 - (i) a certified true copy of the certificate of registration of the applicant in that foreign country; and
 - (ii) where applicable, a certificate of good standing from the registration body of a country where the applicant has been registered stating that on the date of issue the applicant is registered as an optometrist or an optician in that country and that no proceedings have been taken or are pending against him;
- (e) a recent passport size photograph of the applicant;