

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF  
OPTOMETRISTS: AMENDMENT, 2024

The Minister of Health intends, 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, 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](mailto:mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za) and [paul.tsebe@health.gov.za](mailto:paul.tsebe@health.gov.za)), within three month of the date of publication of this notice.



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MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 15/03/2024

**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 –
- “the Act” means the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974; and
- “the Regulations” means the regulations relating to the qualifications for the registration of optometrists as published under Government Notice No. 2554 in *Government Gazette* No. 46991 of 30 September 2022 and Government Notice No. 2599 in *Government Gazette* No. 47257 of 07 October 2022.

**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.

<b><i>Examining Authority</i></b>	<b><i>Qualification</i></b>	<b><i>Abbreviation for registration</i></b>
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
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

<i>Examining Authority</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
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. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Qualifications for Registration of Optometrists: Amendment, 2024.