

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF OPTOMETRISTS

The Minister of Health intends, under section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 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 in writing on the proposed amendments to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance), mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za or paul.tsebe@health.gov.za within three months from date of publication of this Notice.



DR M.J PHAAHLA, MP
MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 06/09/2021

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates: -

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

Qualifications for registration

2. The Registrar may register as an Optometrist any person who is in possession of the following qualifications:

Examining Authority	Qualification	Abbreviation for registration
Technikon Witwatersrand	Bachelor of Technology (Optometry)	B Tech (Optom) Tech Wits
	Diploma in Optometry SA	Dip Optom Tech Wits
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 Free State	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Free State
University Of Johannesburg	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Johannesburg
University of Kwa-Zulu Natal	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Kwa-Zulu Natal
University of Limpopo	Bachelor of Optometry	B Optom Limpopo

Short title

3. These Regulations are called the Regulations Relating to the Qualifications for the Registration of Optometrists, 2021.