



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

Regulations relating to Additional Examinations that may be Conducted by the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia under section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004, in respect of Optometrists

Government Notice 175 of 2009

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These regulations were made in terms of section 55 read with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024. Pursuant to section 95(10) of the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024, they are deemed to have been made under that Act.

The Government Notice which publishes these regulations notes that they were made on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia.

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Definitions

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression defined in the Act has that meaning, and -

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“conditional registration” as an optometrist means the conditional registration, under section 22(2)(a) of the Act, of a person as an optometrist, and “registered conditionally” has a corresponding meaning;

“full registration” as an optometrist means the registration, under section 21(2)(a) of the Act, of a person as an optometrist and does not include conditional registration as an optometrist; and

“the Act” means the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004).

**[The Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004 has been
replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]**

Prescribed additional examinations for optometrists

2. (1) A person registered conditionally as an optometrist under section 22(2) of the Act, before he or she becomes entitled to full registration as an optometrist under section 21(2) of the Act, must pass, in addition to the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act, the additional examinations prescribed by subregulation (2).

(2) The prescribed additional examinations referred to in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 22 of the Act and in subregulation (1), are examinations in or relating to -

- (a) each of the following domains:
 - (i) ocular pathology;
 - (ii) ocular anatomy;
 - (iii) ocular physiology;
 - (iv) clinical optometry;
 - (v) identification of pathological conditions;
 - (vi) pre-refraction evaluation;
 - (vii) refraction;
 - (viii) external ocular examination;
 - (ix) internal ocular examination; and
 - (x) intra ocular pressure;
- (b) the ethics relating to optometry; and
- (c) the provisions of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004) and the Regulations made under that Act, in so far as the Act and Regulations relate to optometrists.

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Conducting of examinations

3. (1) Any of the examinations prescribed by regulation 2 -
 - (a) must be conducted -
 - (i) by the Council; or
 - (ii) for and on behalf of the Council by a person or institution, whether in Namibia or elsewhere, appointed by the Council for that purpose; or
 - (iii) by an institution outside Namibia recognized by the Council as competent to conduct examinations in the domains prescribed by regulations 2;
 - (b) may be written, oral or practical examinations, oral written, oral and practical examinations; and
 - (c) must be taken by the applicant on the date and at the time and venue notified in writing to the applicant by the Council.
- (2) A notice by the Council in terms of paragraph (c) of subregulation (1) must be sent -
 - (a) by pre-paid registered post to the applicant, addressed to his Postal address as it appears on his or her application for registration; and
 - (b) not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days before the date of the examinations prescribed by subregulation (1).