



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Regulations relating to the Minimum Requirements of Study
for Registration as a Dispensing Optician**

Government Notice 276 of 2010

(GG 4633)

came into force on date of publication: 21 December 2010

These regulations were made in terms of section 55 read with section 19(1) of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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. It also repeals the rules published under RSA GN R.2339/1976 (RSA GG 5349). These previous rules were made in terms of the RSA Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act 56 of 1974. They survived in terms of section 50(2) of the Allied Health Services Professions Act 20 of 1993 and section 62(2) of its successor, the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004.

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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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 -

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

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[The Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004 has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

Minimum qualifications required for registration as a dispensing optician

2. (1) Subject to compliance with the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act, a person may be registered as a dispensing optician, if that person is the holder of any of the following qualifications:

Educational Institution or Examining Authority	Qualification
Cape Peninsula University of Technology (formerly Cape Technikon and Peninsula Technikon): South Africa	National Diploma in Optical Dispensing
Association of British Dispensing Opticians: United Kingdom	Fellowship Diploma
Handwerkskammer: Germany	Augenoptikergeselle (Augenoptikergesellin)
Handwerkskammer: Austria	Augenoptikergeselle (Augenoptikergesellin)
Handwerkskammer: Switzerland	Augenoptikergeselle (Augenoptikergesellin)

(2) Any person who is not the holder of a qualification prescribed by subregulation (1) may be registered as a dispensing optician, subject to subregulation (3) of this regulation, to regulation 3 and to compliance with the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act, if he or she is the holder of a Diploma in Optical Dispensing obtained at an educational institution, after receiving full time education, tuition and training in optical dispensing at that educational institution a period of two years and practical training in the employment an optometrist for a period of one year.

(3) The education, tuition and training prescribed by subregulation (2) must include -

(a) education, tuition and training in the subjects of -

- (i) Dispensing Optics;
- (ii) Visual Optics;
- (iii) Ophthalmic Lenses;
- (iv) Ocular Anatomy and Pathology; and

(b) practical training in the employment of an optometrist for a period of one year, in -

- (i) Optical Dispensing;

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(ii) Practice Management; and

(iii) Ethics and Jurisprudence,

to the satisfaction of the Council.

Recognition of qualification by Council

3. The Council may recognise, for the purpose of the registration of a person as a dispensing optician, a qualification prescribed by subregulation (2) of regulation 2, if -

- (a) the educational institution at which that person obtained that qualification is approved by the Council for that purpose;
- (b) the registration authority responsible for the registration of persons to practise as dispensing opticians in the country in which that person obtained that qualification, recognises that qualification for registration to practise as a dispensing optician in that country; and
- (c) that person complies with the other requirements for registration as a dispensing optician prescribed by or under the Act.