



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Regulations relating to the Registration of Dispensing
Opticians and Additional Qualifications, the Keeping of
Registers and the Restoration of a Name to a Register**

Government Notice 277 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of section 55 read with sections 20, 21, 22, 24, 26 and 32 of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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.

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. Definitions

PART II
REGISTRATION OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

2. Application for registration as dispensing optician and submitting of particulars

PART III
REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

REGULATIONS
Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

**Regulations relating to the Registration of Dispensing Opticians and Additional Qualifications,
the Keeping of Registers and the Restoration of a Name to a Register**

3. Registrable additional qualifications
4. Registration of additional qualification
5. Registration of non-prescribed additional qualification

PART IV
REGISTERS AND RESTORATION OF NAME TO REGISTER

6. Register of dispensing opticians
7. Restoration of name to register

PART V
GENERAL

8. Language of forms and documents
-

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Definitions

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

“additional qualification” means an additional qualification referred to in section 32(1)(a) of the Act and prescribed by regulation 3;

“applicant” means any person making an application in accordance with these regulations;

“certified” means certified as a true copy of the original by a commissioner of oaths appointed under section 5, or designated under section 6, of the Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oaths Act, 1963 (Act No. 16 of 1963);

“registration authority” means the registration authority of a country responsible for the registration of a person to practise as a dispensing optician in that country; 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.]**

PART II
REGISTRATION OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Application for registration as a dispensing optician and submitting of particulars

2. (1) An application for the registration of a person as a dispensing optician submitted to the registrar in terms of subsection (1) of section 20 of the Act must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (2) of that section, by -

- (a) a certified photocopy of the identity document or passport of the applicant;

REGULATIONS
Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

**Regulations relating to the Registration of Dispensing Opticians and Additional Qualifications,
the Keeping of Registers and the Restoration of a Name to a Register**

- (b) a certificate issued by the Council in such form as the Council may determine, certifying that the applicant has passed the evaluation referred to in section 21(3) of the Act, if applicable; and
- (c) if the qualification upon which the applicant relies for registration as a dispensing optician is a qualification obtained at an educational institution situated in a country other than Namibia, the original certificate of registration to practise as a dispensing optician in the country in which the applicant obtained the qualification, issued by the registration authority of that country.

(2) If the applicant is not registered with the registration authority referred to in paragraph (c) of subregulation (1), he or she must submit to the registrar, together with his or her application for registration -

- (a) a certificate, issued by that registration authority, certifying that the qualification of which the applicant is the holder, entitles him or her to registration as a dispensing optician in the country where the applicant obtained that qualification; or
- (b) if he or she had been so registered previously, a certificate issued by that registration authority, specifying that the applicant had been so registered previously, that his or her name has been removed from the register, and the grounds for the removal.

(3) The Council may require the applicant to furnish, in the manner that the Council may determine, proof of the applicant's proficiency in the English language.

PART III
REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Registrable additional qualifications

3. (1) The following qualifications may be registered as additional qualifications under section 32 of the Act, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Act and of these regulations:

Educational institution or other examining authority	Qualification
Association of British Dispensing Opticians: United Kingdom:	Advanced Contact Lens Diploma; Low Vision Honours.

Registration of additional qualification

4. An application for the registration of an additional qualification in accordance with subsection (2) of section 32 of the Act must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (3) of that section, by a certified photocopy of the identity document or passport of the applicant.

Registration of non-prescribed additional qualification

REGULATIONS
Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

**Regulations relating to the Registration of Dispensing Opticians and Additional Qualifications,
the Keeping of Registers and the Restoration of a Name to a Register**

5. (1) In this regulation, “non-prescribed additional qualification” means an additional qualification that has not been prescribed by regulation 3 as a registrable additional qualification, but that complies with paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 32 of the Act.

(2) If an application for the registration of a non-prescribed additional qualification is submitted to the Council in accordance with subsection (2) of section 32 of the Act, the application must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (3) of that section and in regulation 4, by a transcript, issued by the educational institution or examining body where the applicant obtained that additional qualification, specifying particulars, to the satisfaction of the Council, of the additional qualification, including the curriculum applicable thereto.

PART IV
REGISTERS AND RESTORATION OF NAME TO REGISTER

Register of dispensing opticians

6. The register of dispensing opticians established and kept in accordance with subsection (2)(a) of section 24 of the Act, must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, particulars of the additional qualifications registered against the name of the dispensing optician in accordance with subsection (4) of section 32 of the Act, including any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

7. An application in accordance with section 26 of the Act for the restoration of the name of a person to the register, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (2) of that section, must be accompanied by -

- (a) the original registration certificate issued in the name of the applicant under section 21(4)(b) of the Act, or if for any reason the original certificate cannot be submitted, proof to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant had been so registered; and
- (b) a photocopy of the identity document or the passport of the applicant, duly certified by a commissioner of oaths as a true copy of the original.

PART V
GENERAL

Language of forms and documents

8. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), any form or document that must be submitted to the Council or to the registrar in terms of these regulations must be in the English language.

(2) Any form or document referred to in subregulation (1) that is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation thereof into that language, acceptable to the Council.