



Opticians Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 44

PART II

REGISTRATION AND TRAINING OF OPTICIANS

The registers and lists

8 Qualifications for being registered

- (1) Any person who satisfies the Council—
- (a) that he holds a qualification as an ophthalmic optician or dispensing optician for the time being approved by them under section 12 below, being a qualification granted to him after receiving instruction from one or more of the institutions so approved; and
 - (b) that he has had adequate practical experience in the work of an ophthalmic or dispensing optician,
- shall be entitled to be registered in the appropriate register.
- (2) Any person who satisfies the Council—
- (a) that he holds a qualification as an ophthalmic optician or dispensing optician for the time being recognised by them for the purposes of this subsection, being a qualification granted outside the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) that he has had adequate practical experience in the work of an ophthalmic or dispensing optician; and
 - (c) that he is of good character,
- shall be entitled to be registered in the appropriate register.
- (3) Any person who on 1st January 1959 was entitled to have his name included in one of the health service ophthalmic lists, and whose name had not at that time been removed from one of those lists by direction of a health service tribunal, shall be entitled to be registered in the appropriate register.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) Any person who on an application made not later than 1st June 1961 satisfied the Council—
- (a) that on the date of his application he held a qualification as an ophthalmic optician or dispensing optician recognised by them for the purposes of this subsection; and
 - (b) that he had had adequate practical experience in the work of an ophthalmic or dispensing optician; and
 - (c) that he was of good character,
- shall be entitled to be registered in the appropriate register.
- (5) Any person who on an application made after 1st June 1961 but before this Act came into force satisfied the Council—
- (a) that on 1st June 1961 he held a qualification such as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (4) above; and
 - (b) that he had had adequate practical experience in the work of an ophthalmic or dispensing optician; and
 - (c) that he was of good character,
- shall be entitled to be registered in the appropriate register.
- (6) Any person who on an application made after this Act comes into force satisfies the Council—
- (a) that on 1st June 1961 he held a qualification such as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (4) above; and
 - (b) that he has had adequate practical experience in the work of an ophthalmic or dispensing optician; and
 - (c) that he is of good character,
- shall be entitled to be registered in the appropriate register.
- (7) In the case of a person whose qualifications (including experience) are appropriate for an ophthalmic optician, both registers of ophthalmic opticians and the register of dispensing opticians are appropriate registers for the purposes of this section and, in the case of a person whose qualifications (including experience) are only appropriate for a dispensing optician, the register of dispensing opticians is appropriate for those purposes.
- (8) A person shall not be registered at the same time in more than one register.
- (9) Where the Council have refused to grant an application for registration under subsection (4), (5) or (6) above, the Privy Council, on representations being made to them, may if they think fit, after considering the representations and after communicating with the Council, order the Council to grant the application.