



## Scopes of Practice for the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board (Revocation of Prescribed Qualifications Notice) 2023

Pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (“Act”), the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board (“Board”) specifies the prescribed qualifications for optometrists and dispensing opticians.

This is notice that:

1. The Board revokes the following prescribed qualifications for the optometrist scope of practice from the *Notice of Scopes of Practice and Related Qualifications Prescribed by the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board 2020*:

***Prescribed Qualifications for Registration in the Optometrist Scope of Practice***

- *“hold a primary optometry degree from an overseas university accredited by the Board for the purposes of registration in New Zealand and published on the Board’s website, **and** have an offer of employment to work as an educator in optometry in a New Zealand education institution (Pathway 2 – “Optometrist Educator”); **or***
- *hold a primary optometry degree from an overseas university accredited by the Board for the purposes of registration in New Zealand and published on the Board’s website, **and** have completed a Board-accredited therapeutics qualification, **and** have an offer of employment to work as an educator in optometry in a New Zealand education institution (Pathway 3 – “Optometrist Educator - Prescriber”).”*

2. The remaining four Registration pathways will be renumbered as follows:
  - *Registration Pathway 1: Dispensing Optician*
  - *Registration Pathway 2: Provisional Optometrist*
  - *Registration Pathway 3: Optometrist*
  - *Registration Pathway 4: Specialist Optometrist – Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries.*
3. Pursuant to section 14(1A) of the Act, the revocation of the above qualifications at paragraph 1 above does not affect the registration of any optometrist who qualified to practise as an optometrist on the basis of the prescribed qualifications revoked by this Notice.
4. This notice comes into force on 1 November 2023.