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OPTOMETRISTS ACT 1930—REGULATION

(Relating to qualifications for registration under the Act)

NEW SOUTH WALES



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HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of the Optometrists Act 1930, has been pleased to approve the Regulation made by the Board of Optometrical Registration and set forth hereunder.

JOHN HANNAFORD

Minister for Health and Community Services.

The Optometrists Regulations 1965 are amended by inserting after Regulation 13 the following Regulation:

Examination for qualified persons not entitled to be registered under the Act

13A. (1) The prescribed examinations for the purposes of section 19 (2) (b) (ii) of the Act are as follows:

(a) the theoretical examination, which consists of one or more papers testing the candidate's knowledge of any or all of the following subjects:

anatomy
physiology
pathology
pharmacology
diseases of the eye
optics
contact lenses
binocular vision
public/occupational health
legal aspects of the practice of optometry

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(b) the practical and viva examination, which consists of any or all of the following:

- a clinical examination by the candidate of 2 general patients
- a clinical examination by the candidate of contact lens patients
- a clinical examination by the candidate of binocular vision patients
- a viva examination of the candidate conducted by 2 examiners appointed by the Board.

(2) It is necessary to pass both examinations, and a candidate will not be permitted to undertake the practical and viva examination until the candidate has passed the theoretical examination.

(3) The fees payable by a person applying to take the examination are:

- (a) \$226.00 in respect of the theoretical examination; and
 - (b) \$537.00 in respect of the practical and viva examination.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the Optometrists Act 1930, some persons can become eligible for registration as optometrists in New South Wales merely by undertaking and passing the prescribed examinations. The persons concerned are persons who already possess qualifications in optometry (for example, qualifications obtained in another country) that are not regarded as sufficient, of themselves, to entitle the persons to be registered.

The object of this Regulation is to amend the Optometrists Regulations 1965 so as to prescribe the examinations that must be undertaken and passed by persons holding qualifications of this kind who wish to become eligible for registration as optometrists.
