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Report of the Optometrists Board

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Preface

Through this report, which covers the period from April 2006 to March 2007, the Optometrists Board aims to keep members of the profession and the public better informed of the functions and work progress of the Board and its committees.

It should be noted that this report is intended for general information only. Certain functions of the Optometrists Board have accordingly been simplified and/or presented in the form of an information document. For details of the statutory functions of the Board and its committees, readers should refer to the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance, Chapter 359, Laws of Hong Kong and the Optometrists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation.

All enquiries to the Optometrists Board should be addressed to the Optometrists Board Secretariat, 2/F Shun Feng International Centre, 182 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Message from the Chairman

The Optometrist Board has, since its establishment in May 1986, continue to promote high standards of professional practice and conduct among optometrists, to protect the interest of the public in terms of optometric care and consumers' rights. As Chairman of the Optometrists Board for more than four years, I am pleased to report on the work of the Board in the past year with high satisfaction.

As part of our efforts to enhance the standard of the profession, a voluntary Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme was launched in November 2004 to encourage all registered optometrists to continue advancing in their professional knowledge and skills through such participation. The response to the scheme since its implementation has been most encouraging. More than 1,000 certificates of achievement have been issued to those who have fulfilled the yearly CPD hours required by the Board. To pave way for the introduction of a mandatory scheme in the foreseeable future, the Board will refine the current arrangements in the light of the experience gained in the past years.

On the protection of public health and consumers' rights, the Board has endorsed the proposal of the Working Group to Study the Regulation of Optical Appliances for imposing control over the sale of contact lenses without prescription. Legislative amendments would be sought after approval at the Supplementary Medical Professions Council.

The Board also continues its major function as a statutory body to provide for the registration, discipline and regulation of registered optometrists. In 2006, we have received 43 applications for registration, compared with 27 applications received in 2005. After careful vetting and deliberation by members of the Board and Committees, 40 applications were approved for registration. To ensure a good standard of practice and conduct by optometrists, the Optometrists Board, upon recommendation from the Preliminary Investigation Committee, held regular inquiries to investigate possible breach of the ordinance and the Code of Practice and to take disciplinary action where appropriate.

Looking to the future, the Board will continue to work with the optometric profession, to uphold the spirit of self-regulation, to maintain high ethical standards, and to further enhance the image and standard of the profession in Hong Kong.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to Members of the Board for their dedication and contributions over the past year and count on their continued support to meet new challenges ahead.

Dr Polly CHEUNG
Chairman, Optometrists Board

1. Introduction

1.1 The Optometrists Board was established on 1 May 1986 under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance, Chapter 359, which provides for the registration, discipline and management of persons engaged in professions supplementary to medicine including optometrists. The Board is responsible for promoting adequate standards of professional practice and conduct among optometrists. The Optometrists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation made under the Ordinance provides for detailed arrangements for the registration of and the disciplinary proceedings for optometrists.

Registration of Optometrists

1.2 Registration of optometrists commenced on 1 December 1994. With effect from 1 April 1996, persons practising the profession of optometry in Hong Kong have to be registered.

1.3 The Register has four parts, Part I, Part II, Part III and Part IV. Entry in the various parts of the Register, is based mainly on the qualification and/or experience possessed by the applicants.

1.4 A person who was practising optometry on 1 December 1994 and did not qualify for full registration could apply for provisional registration, i.e. Part IV. Provisional registration was a one-off exercise, with its deadline on 31 May 1995.

Examinations held by the Board

1.5 The Optometrists Board is empowered under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to hold examinations for the purpose of registration.

Control mechanism and disciplinary power of the Board

1.6 The Optometrists Board is empowered to regulate the professional conduct of registered optometrists through disciplinary actions.

1.7 A person who practises the profession of optometry without being registered commits an offence. Any information on illegal practice of the optometry profession should be reported to the Police for investigation.

1.8 The Optometrists Board has prepared a Code of Practice prescribing the standards of conduct and practice and regulating the activities of optometrists. The Code is issued to all registered optometrists for compliance. The Board will from time to time review the Code and promulgate changes whenever necessary. Any registered optometrists contravening the Ordinance and the Code may be subject to inquiries held by the Board. Any cases of professional misconduct committed by the optometrists should be referred to the Board for investigation and necessary inquiry. Subject to the results of the inquiries, the Board may make orders ranging from the issue of warning letters to the removal of the optometrist's name from the register.

Continuing professional education

1.9 In view of the need to upgrade the standard of the profession and to safeguard the interest of the public in terms of optometric care, the Optometrists Board is considering the proposal of making continuing professional education a mandatory requirement for renewal of practising certificate in the long run. An Education Committee was set up in November 2001 to look into the issue and work out the details. A voluntary scheme was launched in November 2004 to enable registered optometrists to get acquainted with the system. The Committee will fine-tune the scheme to pave the way for the mandatory scheme in the light of the operational experience.

2. Membership of the Optometrists Board

2.1 The Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance stipulates that all members of the Optometrists Board are appointed by the Chief Executive. The Board comprises -

- (a) a Chairman from among the members of the Supplementary Medical Professions Council, other than a member appointed under section 3(1)(d)(iv) of the Ordinance;
- (b) two registered medical practitioners, one on the nomination of the Hong Kong Medical Association;
- (c) a person specially qualified to advise the Board on professional education; and
- (d) five to eight optometrists.

2.2 The membership of the Board for the period from April 2006 to March 2007 was as follows -

Dr Polly CHEUNG Suk-yee (Chairman)
Dr Clement CHAN Wai-nang
Ms Alice CHAN Chui-wa
Dr Ada CHENG Sau-kuen
Ms Monica CHOW Man-kit
Mr HO Kai (appointed since 1.10.2006)
Miss Tina KWAN Wai-ping
Mr Ben KWOK Chun-keung (appointment expired on 30.9.2006)
Dr Andrew LAM Kwok-cheung
Mr LEE Hung-chiu
Mr LO Hing-nam
Professor Gregory WU Chor-nam

3. Activities of the Optometrists Board

3.1 Major activities undertaken by the Optometrists Board for the period from April 2006 to March 2007 are summarized below -

(a) Registration issues

Universal registration examination

At present, except for those holding local qualifications as prescribed under section 4 of the Optometrists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation, all applications for registration are considered on an individual basis, with regard to the applicants' qualifications, training, experience and skills. To ensure the adoption of a uniform standard, the Optometrists Board, with the assistance of the Board Registration Committee, is studying the proposal of introducing the universal registration examination. Under the proposal, all applicants for registration will have to sit for the registration examination. Only graduates of local programmes accredited by the Board would be exempted. The Board's proposal, as endorsed by the Supplementary Medical Professions Council, has been forwarded to the Administration for necessary legislative amendments.

Part II and Part III registration examinations

The Board, with the Board Examination Committee, is working out the logistics for the conduct of Part II and Part III Registration Examinations.

Temporary and limited registration

The Board, again with the help of the Board Registration Committee, is studying the legal issues pertaining to the introduction of temporary and limited registration to facilitate the bringing-in of expertise and techniques not available locally.

Restoration to the Register

To ensure that applicants for restoration to the Optometrists Register should possess updated professional knowledge and skills, the Board issued in 2006 to all registrants the detailed guidelines for assessing the professional training in optometry for the purpose of restoration.

(b) Continuing professional education

To encourage registered optometrists to enhance their knowledge in order to keep pace with rapid advances in optometry, a voluntary Continuing Professional Education Scheme was launched in November 2004. Under the Scheme, registered optometrists are advised to attain 30 hours of continuing professional development activities in a three-year cycle. Those who have accomplished ten hours each year will be awarded a certificate of achievement as an encouragement. Please click [here](#) for a list of optometrists who have attained the recommended CPD hours for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006. Details of the scheme are posted on the Board's website at http://www.smp-council.org.hk/op/english/Index_cpd.htm.

(c) Control over the Sale of Contact Lenses

To safeguard the consumers' right and the interest of the public, the Board has endorsed the proposal of its Working Group to Study the Regulation of the Sale of Optical Appliances for control over the sale of contact lenses without prescription over the counter. Legislative amendments would be sought after approval at Supplementary Medical Council.

4. Preliminary Investigation Committee and Disciplinary Proceedings

4.1 The Optometrists Board's jurisdiction over optometrists' professional conduct is laid down in the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance and the Optometrists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation.

4.2 The situations that may give rise to disciplinary proceedings include where a registered optometrist -

- (a) has been convicted in Hong Kong or elsewhere of an offence punishable with imprisonment;
- (b) has been guilty in Hong Kong or elsewhere of unprofessional conduct;
- (c) was not at the time of his registration qualified to be registered;
- (d) has obtained registration by fraud or misrepresentation; or
- (e) has not complied with or is in breach of any condition of his registration (other than a condition under section 15) or has failed to comply with the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance,

4.3 The membership of the Preliminary Investigation Committee for the period from April 2006 to March 2007 was as follows -

Dr Andrew LAM Kwok-cheung (Chairman)
Mr Jack WONG Wai-hung
Mr Alex YIM Kwok-bun

4.4 If an optometrist is found guilty of a disciplinary offence after an inquiry, the Optometrists Board may order any one of the following -

- (a) removal from the Register of Optometrists which will be published in the Gazette;
- (b) removal from the Register of Optometrists for such period as the Optometrists Board may think fit which will be published in the

Gazette;

- (c) reprimand which will be published in the Gazette; and
- (d) warning letter in such terms as the Board considered appropriate which may or may not be published in the Gazette.

4.5 Below is a summary on the complaints handled by the Board's Preliminary Investigation Committee for the period from April 2006 to March 2007:

<u>Cases</u>	<u>No.</u>
Considered	7
Dismissed	2
Referred to the Board for inquiry	5

A table setting out the charges in detail and the Board's decisions for the inquiries is at **Annex A**.

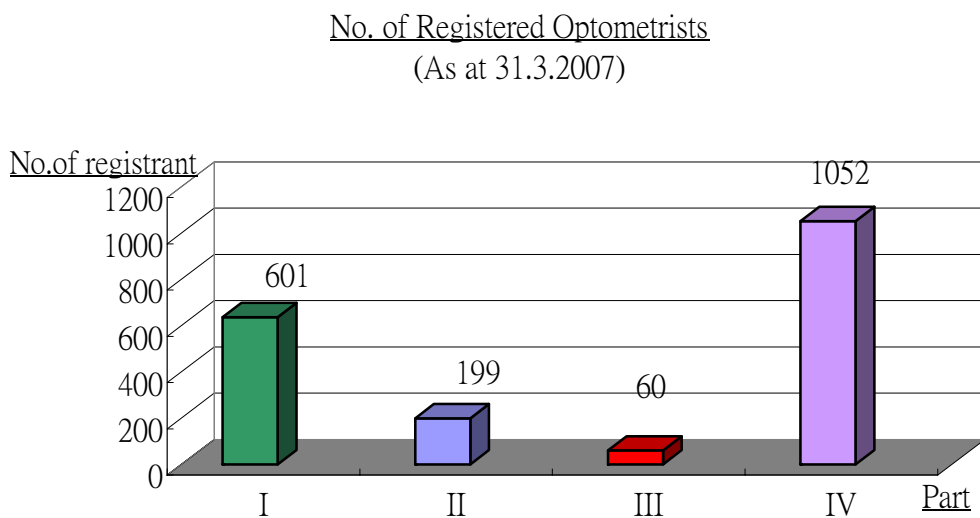
5. Registration Committee

5.1 Section 9 of the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance provides for the Optometrists Board to appoint committees for the better discharge of its functions under the Ordinance. The Board Registration Committee has since 1994 been set up for dealing with registration matters.

5.2 The membership of the Board Registration Committee for the period from April 2006 to March 2007 was as follows -

- Dr Ada CHENG Sau-kuen (Chairman)
- Mr Steven CHEUNG Hon-sang
- Mr HO Kai
- Dr Andrew LAM Kwok-cheung
- Dr May WU Mew-may
- Ms Elke WU Wai-ling

5.3 As at 31 March 2007, there were 1,912 registered optometrists. Statistics on the registration of optometrists are detailed at **Annex B**. Appended below is a bar chart showing the number of registrants in each part of the register:



6. Examination Committee

6.1 The Examination Committee, established in 1989, is responsible for

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- (a) advising the Optometrists Board on syllabus and format of examination/assessment for registration;
- (b) advising the Board on the appointment of examiners;
- (c) assisting the Board in matters relating to examinations/assessments; and
- (d) advising the Board on matters relating to qualifications and experience.

6.2 The membership of the Examination Committee for the period from April 2006 to March 2007 is as follows -

Dr Andrew LAM Kwok-cheung (Chairman)

Ms CHAN Lai-ming

Dr Osbert CHAN Yuen-chung (appointment expired on 3.5.2006)

Dr Albert HO Cho-chak

Mr Kenneth LAM Chung-wing

Dr Carly LAM Siu-yin

Dr Andrew SIU Wing-tak

7. Education Committee

7.1 Established in November 2001, the Education Committee is mainly responsible for the introduction of continuing professional development for registered optometrists. While it is the long-term plan to impose continuing professional development as a requirement for renewal of practising certificate, a voluntary scheme was launched in November 2004. The Education Committee is fine-tuning the voluntary scheme, in the light of the experience gained in the past years.

7.2 The membership of the Education Committee for the period up to March 2007 was as follows -

Professor Gregory WU Chor-nam (Chairman)

Ms Monica CHOW Man-kit

Dr Albert HO Cho-chak

Mr LO Hing-nam

8. Review by Committee Chairmen

Preliminary Investigation Committee

It is my pleasure to chair this committee for another year. The Preliminary Investigation Committee is responsible for reviewing every complaint against registered optometrists regarding matters of professional conduct.

The number of complaints has been increasing. This reflects the awareness of public on their rights and public is looking for high standard optometric care nowadays. I would like to remind registered optometrists to get acquainted with the Code of Practice.

Dr Andrew LAM Kwok-cheung
Chairman, Preliminary Investigation Committee

Registration Committee

The Registration Committee has worked out the framework for implementing the universal registration examination, which was endorsed by the Optometrists Board. Subject to legislative amendments, the universal examination will be the only way of entering the profession, with the exception of applicants who are exempted from taking the examination by virtue of their qualifications, as accredited by the Board.

The Committee has also produced a proposal for introducing temporary and limited registration for the profession, subject to further fine-tuning by incorporating appropriate legal input.

During the past year, the Committee has processed a total of 43 applications for registration and 6 applications for restoration. The Committee has worked out a set of guidelines for the requirement of professional training to be undertaken by applicants for restoration, which has been endorsed by the

Board. Under these guidelines, applicants for restoration would have to fulfill a certain amount of continuing professional development before their applications would be approved.

Another major duty of the Committee was to vet applications for validation of continuing professional development activities either from programme providers or from registered optometrists. A total of 13 applications have been handled. The list of accredited activities has been posted on the website of the Optometrists Board for easy reference. Along with the Board's recent review on the continuing professional development scheme, the Committee has also revised its strategies in handling applications for validation.

Dr Ada CHENG Sau-kuen
Chairman, Registration Committee

Examination Committee

I have been appointed as the Chairman of this Committee since early March 2006. A meeting was held in October 2006 and the syllabus for Part II Registration Examination is nearly finished. The Committee will further work on the syllabus for part III Registration Examination and also on the details of the proposed Universal Examination.

Dr Andrew LAM Kwok-cheung
*Chairman, Examination
Committee*

Education Committee

While mandatory continuing professional education is the long-term direction, the Optometrists Board has decided to first launch a voluntary Continuing Professional Development Scheme with a view to enabling registered optometrists to familiarize with the system and for the system to be

further refined in the light of actual operational experience.

Since the commencement of the voluntary scheme on November 1, 2004, the response has been very favourable. A total of 439 and 573 Certificates of Achievement were issued to registered optometrists in 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively.

Random audits of registrants' records for 2004-05 and a review of the scheme were conducted in 2006. It was found that most participants were in compliance with the requirements and the activities/ programmes held by Accredited Programme Providers were of high quality which was reflected from assessments and comments by the attendees.

Looking forward, the Committee believes that the Scheme will continue to run smoothly and we are ready for it to become mandatory.

Professor Gregory WU Chor-nam
Chairman, Education Committee

Annex A

Summary of the inquiries held by the Optometrists Board
(As at March 2007)

Year of Inquiry	Details of the allegation	Decision made by the Board
1997	The respondent was alleged to have sold to his client contact lenses which were not commensurate with his visual ability.	Guilty of unprofessional conduct. The respondent was reprimanded and such order was published in the gazette.
1998	The respondent was alleged to have - (a) provided a wrong refractive prescription of the client; and (b) failed to provide proper after-care service to his client when he felt sick and dizzy by wearing the pair of spectacles prescribed.	Guilty of unprofessional conduct. The respondent's name was removed from the register for 1 month and such order was published in the gazette.
1999	The respondents were alleged to have- (a) failed to ensure that their certificates of registration, or certified copies of such certificates, were kept displayed in a conspicuous position in accordance with section 18(1) of the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance, thereby contravening item 4.1 in Part III of the code of practice for the guidance of registered optometrists; (b) failed to ensure that the certificate of registration, or certified copy of such certificate, of each person registered and practising in the shop as an optometrist was kept displayed in a conspicuous position; (c) failed to ensure that the premises was equipped for subjective refraction, thereby contravening item 6.3 in Part III of the code of practice for the guidance of registered optometrists; (d) failed to provide an adequate	The facts alleged against the respondents had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board and the complaint was dismissed.

Year of Inquiry	Details of the allegation	Decision made by the Board
	standard of refractive prescription or vision care by relying solely on the result of the autorefractor, thereby contravening item 6.4 in Part III of the Code of Practice.	
1999	The respondent was convicted of 7 counts of offences punishable with imprisonment.	A warning letter had been served to the respondent.
1999	<p>The respondent was alleged to have -</p> <p>(a) provided the first pair of spectacles in an optical shop with the refractive power, astigmatic axis and optical centration distance which were not appropriate to his client's eyes conditions; and</p> <p>(b) he provided the second pair of spectacles to his client with the refractive power, astigmatic axis and optical centration distance which were not appropriate to his client's eyes conditions.</p>	Guilty of unprofessional conduct of charge (b). A warning letter had been served to the respondent and such order was published in the gazette.
1999	<p>The respondent was alleged to have -</p> <p>(a) provided his client with a pair of hard contact lenses, the right lens of which was not commensurate with the client's eye condition; and</p> <p>(b) failed to provide a more appropriate and suitable right lens to his client when she perceived problems by wearing the right lens of the pair of contact lenses prescribed.</p>	The facts alleged against the respondent had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board and the complaint was dismissed.
2000	The respondent was convicted of an offence punishable with imprisonment.	A warning letter was served to the respondent.
2000	The respondent declared his conviction of	Guilty of the charge. Having

Year of Inquiry	Details of the allegation	Decision made by the Board
	an offence punishable with imprisonment at the time he made an application for registration.	duly considered all the factors, the Board decided to approve his application but reminded that optometrists should be careful when examining female patients.
2000	The respondent was alleged to have - (a) prescribed and provided his client with a 2 nd pair of spectacles with incorrect optical center of the two lenses; and (b) prescribed and provided another pair of spectacles to his client with unbalanced optical centers which were not appropriate to his client's eyes condition; and (c) failed to provide after-care service and information to his client when she approached him for problems.	The facts alleged against the respondents had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board and the complaint was dismissed.
2000	The respondent was convicted of two offences punishable with imprisonment.	A warning letter had been served to the respondent.
2001	The respondent was alleged to have prescribed a refractive correction to his client with astigmatic axes that were not appropriate to her client's eyes conditions.	Guilty of the charge. A warning letter was served to the respondent.
2002	The respondent was alleged to have failed to give proper and adequate advice and explanation to the client on the effectiveness of Orthokeratology (Ortho-K) treatment.	The facts alleged against the respondent had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board and the complaint was dismissed.
2003	The respondent was alleged to have prescribed and provided a pair of spectacles to the client which was not appropriate to her eye conditions.	The facts alleged against the respondents had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board and the complaint was dismissed.

Year of Inquiry	Details of the allegation	Decision made by the Board
2003	The respondent was alleged to have failed to comply with the condition in relation to his registration in Part IV of the register, namely, he was not allowed to perform any functions or engage in any activity other than work relating to refraction and prescribed contact lenses to his client.	Guilty of the charge. The respondent's name was removed from the register for six months and such order was published in the gazette.
2003	The respondent was alleged to have disregarded his professional responsibilities to his client by allowing an unqualified person to conduct eye examination on the client for the purpose of prescribing a pair of spectacles to him.	Guilty of the charge. A warning letter had been served to the respondent and such order was published in the gazette.
2003	The respondent was alleged to have – (a) provided misleading information to the public by stating in an advertisement materials which could not be substantiated, namely, orthokeratology procedure was devoid of any complications ; and (b) announced in advertisement materials discount on professional services	Guilty of the charge. A warning letter had been served to the respondent and such order was published in the gazette.
2004	The respondent was convicted of an offence punishable with imprisonment.	The respondent had been served a warning letter.
2004	The respondent was alleged to have – (a) prescribed a pair of spectacles to his client that was not appropriate to his eye conditions; and (b) failed to take proper action when the client complained that the spectacles was not appropriate to his eyes conditions.	Guilty of the charge. The respondent had been served a warning letter and such order was published in the gazette.
2005	The respondent was alleged to have made	Guilty of the charge. The

Year of Inquiry	Details of the allegation	Decision made by the Board
	statements in leaflets about treatment and prevention of myopia which could not be substantiated.	respondent had been served a warning letter and such order was published in the gazette.
2005	<p>The respondent was alleged to have–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) depreciated the professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications of optometrists whose names were entered in Part IV of the register of optometrists, contrary to paragraph 2.3 of Part III of the Code of Practice; (b) claimed superiority over other practitioners or depreciated the services of other practitioners, contrary to paragraph 5.3 of Part III of the Code of Practice; and (c) failed to act in a way which brought credit on himself and the profession, contrary to paragraph 1.1 of Part III of the Code of Practice. 	Guilty of the charge. The respondent had been served a warning letter and such order was published in the gazette.
2005	<p>The respondent was alleged to have–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) prescribed and dispensed a pair of spectacles and 3 pairs of contact lenses to a client which prescriptions were not appropriate to his eyes conditions; and (b) failed to give proper explanation or appropriate action to the client when he complained about the visual problems to him for wearing the spectacles and contact lens prescribed by him. 	Guilty of the charge. The respondent's name was removed from the register for three months and such order was published in the gazette.
2006	The respondent was alleged to have failed to refer the patient who had an ocular abnormality for the appropriate professional care and had not kept the best interests of the patient uppermost in his mind at all times, contrary to paragraphs 1.2 and 3.1 of Part III of the Code of	The facts alleged against the respondent had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board and the complaint was dismissed.

Year of Inquiry	Details of the allegation	Decision made by the Board
	Practice.	
2006	The respondent was alleged to have failed to keep adequate records of his customer, thereby contravening item 1.5 in Part III of the Code of Practice.	Guilty of the charge. The respondent had been served a warning letter and such order was published in the gazette.
2006	The respondent was alleged to have failed to comply with the condition in relation to his registration in Part IV of the register, namely, he was not allowed to perform any functions or engage in any activity other than work relating to refraction and prescribed contact lenses to his client.	Guilty of the charge. The respondent's name was removed from the register for three months and such order was published in the gazette
2006	The respondent was alleged to have prescribed a lens for the right eye of his client with a new prescription without first having conducted any eye examination and in so doing he had not kept the best interests of the patient uppermost at all times, thereby contravening paragraph 1.2 of Part III of the Code of Practice.	The facts alleged against the respondent had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board and the complaint was dismissed.

Registration of Optometrists
(as at 31.3.2007)

Section of Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance	Qualification/Eligibility	Part of Register	Restriction on Practice	No. of registrants
12(1)(a)	(a) Bachelor of Science Degree in Optometry awarded by the Hong Kong Polytechnic or the Hong Kong Polytechnic University; or (b) Professional Diploma in Optometry issued by the Hong Kong Polytechnic (c) Part II optometrist with Certificate of Attainment in Ocular Pharmacology issued by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and has practised for one year or more after having been registered as a Part II optometrist, or has other experience that is recognized by the Board	I	Allowed to use drugs approved by the Board as shown in the Code of Practice	(a) 379 (b) 98 (c) 67
	(a) Higher Certificate in Optometry issued by the Hong Kong Polytechnic; or (b) Passed Optometrists Board exam leading to registration in Part II	II	Not allowed to use diagnostic agents except staining agents	(a) 23 (b) 0
	Passed Optometrists Board exam leading to registration in Part III	III	To practice refraction only	0
12(1)(b)	Other qualifications and appropriate experience recognized by the Council	To be determined by Supplementary Medical Professions Council	Restrictions relevant to the part of the register entered	Part I = 57 Part II = 0 Part III = 0
12(1)(c)	Other qualifications together with training, professional experience and skill satisfying the Council	To be determined by Supplementary Medical Professions Council	Restrictions relevant to the part of the register entered	Part I = 0 Part II = 176 Part III = 60

Section of Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance	Qualification/Eligibility	Part of Register	Restriction on Practice	No. of registrants																														
15	The applicant has acquired substantial knowledge, experience and skill in the practice of his profession	IV	Not allowed to perform any function or engage in any activity other than work relating to refraction and contact lenses and not allowed to use any diagnostic agents other than staining agents	500																														
	The applicant has acquired substantial knowledge, experience and skill in the practice of his profession	IV	To practice refraction only	188																														
	Passed Optometrists Board exam on refraction and contact lens fitting leading to provisional registration	IV	Not allowed to perform any function or engage in any activity other than work relating to refraction and contact lenses and not allowed to use any diagnostic agents other than staining agents	142																														
	Passed Optometrists Board exam on refraction leading to provisional registration	IV	To practice refraction only	222																														
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