

Optometrists with qualifications obtained outside the State/EU/EEA.

Information on the application process and examinations may be obtained by emailing the administrator on administrator@opticiansboard.ie.

To enable us to reply to your queries please include the following information in your email:

Surname

First name

Title

Current postal address

Optometric qualification/s

Jurisdiction in which optometric qualification/s obtained

All jurisdictions in which registered to practice as an optometrist

Jurisdiction in which currently engaged in practice as an optometrist

General Information

The Opticians Board is the regulatory body established under the Opticians Acts, 1956 and 2003. It maintains registers of optometrists and dispensing opticians who may practise in Ireland. It is illegal for any person, other than a registered optometrist (or a registered medical practitioner) to practise as an optometrist in the state.

Under the Opticians Acts only registered optometrists (or registered medical practitioners) are entitled to prescribe spectacles (as defined). Only registered optometrists or registered dispensing opticians (or registered medical practitioners) are entitled to dispense or sell spectacles (as defined). Registered optometrists may provide orthoptic treatment on the written direction of a registered medical practitioner. Registered optometrists are obliged, where in the course of an eye examination, the presence of a disease or condition of the eye is suspected, to inform the patient of this and recommend that the patient consult a registered medical practitioner.

Under the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations, registered optometrists have access to cyclopentolate hydrochloride, oxybuprocaine hydrochloride, tropicamide and fluorescein sodium for administration to patients in the course of professional practice.

Please note that acceptance of an application for registration in an EU member-state does not entitle the applicant automatically to practise in any other member-state: separate application and registration is required in each member-state.