

**MEETING OF THE OPTOMETRISTS & DISPENSING OPTICIANS BOARD
HELD IN CHANCELLOR ROOM 5 AT THE JAMES COOK GRAND
CHANCELLOR HOTEL, WELLINGTON
AT 8.45 AM ON FRIDAY THE 10TH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

Meeting Attendees:

Chairperson: Jennifer Craig

Optometrist Members: Jennifer Craig, Ross Tayler, Jayesh Chouhan, Annette Morgan

Dispensing Optician Members: Lorraine Helson, Kristine Hammond

Lay Members: Irene Durham

Board staff in attendance:

Registrar: Lindsey Pine

Deputy Registrar: Annette McCoy

Administrator: Laura Leatham

Minute taker: Jacqui Devery

Summary of key meeting decisions/matters discussed:

Glaucoma guidelines review

The Board received a verbal update from the Board Chair on how work is progressing with the Working Party established to undertake an initial review of the Board's Glaucoma Guidelines.

The Chair indicated that the Working Party had surveyed glaucoma prescribers as part of the review and received a response rate of 89% which was very pleasing. A face-to-face meeting of the Working Party is being arranged so that the Working Party can look at the feedback and confirm some recommendations for change to the Board. Proposals for change to the guidelines are then to be put to the Board between meetings, with public consultation on any agreed changes to take place following the February meeting.

The Board accepted this update and indicated that it was looking forward to receiving recommendations for change from the Working Party in due course.

Accreditation of the University of Auckland Bachelor of Optometry Program

The Board received a report from OCANZ on its recent reaccreditation of the University of Auckland Bachelor of Optometry Program. The information provided indicated that OCANZ is satisfied that the graduates of the optometry program will have the knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the competency standards as entry-level practitioners and that they will be equipped with the necessary skills to maintain those competencies.

Following careful review of the accreditation report, the Board resolved to approve the reaccreditation of the University of Auckland Bachelor of Optometry Program as a prescribed qualification for the Optometrist Scope of Practice in New Zealand.

Application for accreditation of Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing offered by the Australasian College of Optical Dispensing

The Board considered submission feedback on its recent consultation proposing to accredit the College's course for registration as a Dispensing Optician in New Zealand. Only one submission was received, from the Association of Dispensing Opticians of New Zealand (ADONZ), and this was in support of the proposal to accredit the course.

The Board therefore resolved to accredit the ACOD Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing course as a prescribed qualification for the Optical Dispensing Scope of Practice and instructed the Registrar to publish notice of this in the New Zealand Gazette.

Professional Standards Advisor Applications

The Board considered applications for the position of 'Professional Standards Advisor' following the recent resignation of the Board's current Advisor, Dr Nicola Anstice.

The Board resolved a shortlist of applicants to interview via teleconference, with an appointment to be made prior to the departure of the current Advisor to enable handover.