

**MEETING OF THE OPTOMETRISTS & DISPENSING OPTICIANS BOARD  
HELD AT LEVEL 7, 22 WILLESTON STREET, WELLINGTON  
AT 9:00 AM ON FRIDAY THE 18 MAY 2018**

**Meeting Attendees:**

**Chairperson:** Jayesh Chouhan

**Optometrist Members:** Jennifer Craig, Ross Tayler, Annette Morgan

**Dispensing Optician Members:** Lorraine Helson, Kristine Hammond

**Lay Members:** Irene Durham

**Board staff in attendance:**

**Acting Registrar:** Rachael Heslop

**Registrar:** Lindsey Pine

**Deputy Registrar:** Annette McCoy

**Visitors:** Ian Bluntish & Lynda Pham (OBA Australia)

**Minute taker:** Jacqui Devery

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**Summary of key meeting decisions/matters discussed:**

**Glaucoma Guidelines review**

The Board's Working Party (established to undertake a review of the Board's Glaucoma Guidelines) provided some recommendations to the Board for consideration, this was reviewed by the Board and some minor amendments approved. The revised Guidelines are now available on the Board's website.

**Oral guidelines**

Guidelines on oral medications for Blepharitis and guidelines on lid-swelling were presented to the Board for review and the Board approved these. These are now available on the Board's website.

**Consultation results on proposed amendment to CPD Recertification programme for Dispensing Opticians**

The Board reviewed submissions on the consultation and after careful consideration the Board resolved not to amend the recertification programme at this time.

**OTEN/TAFE Cert IV prescribed qualification**

The Board reviewed submissions on the consultation proposal to revoke the OTEN/TAFE Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing as a prescribed qualification for registration in the Optical Dispensing scope of practice, including a submission from OTEN/TAFE. The Board resolved to defer a decision until it has reviewed the material provided by OTEN/TAFE.

**Changes to ACOD prescribed qualification**

The Board received a notification from ACOD proposing to make some changes to its course material from 2019 and considered whether this impacts on the status of this course as a prescribed qualification.

The Board considered the proposed changes and agreed that the proposed changes should not impact on the courses accreditation and asked for notification from ACOD once the changes have been finalised.

**Consultation on proposed change to the Optical Dispensing scope of practice**

The Board received submissions on the consultation proposing to amend the Optical Dispensing scope of practice. The Board resolved to defer a decision on this matter until further investigation is undertaken on the auxiliary testing content in the currently prescribed qualifications.

**OBA Visit**

The Board were happy to receive Ian Bluntish and Lynda Pham from the Optometry Board of Australia to discuss matters of common interests.

**Legislation**

The Board received a verbal report from the Chair & Acting Registrar in relation to recent developments with the HPCA Amendment Bill, including an update on oral submissions made on 9 May 2018. The Board noted that it anticipates the new legislation will be through by August 2018.

**UNSW amended prescribed qualification**

After deciding to consult on a proposal to accredit this modified program at the last meeting, the Board was notified of a request from UNSW to extend the accreditation of its current programme to the end of 2020 (currently accredited to the end of 2019). The end date will be relevant to the wording of the prescribed qualification that the Board eventually consults on, and consulting at this time may mean having to repeat the process when OCANZ decides on the extension. The Board agreed to defer the consultation on the proposed amendment to the UNSW qualification pending an update from OCANZ.