

**MEETING OF THE OPTOMETRISTS & DISPENSING OPTICIANS BOARD
HELD AT LEVEL 7, 22 WILLESTON STREET, WELLINGTON
AT 8.45 AM ON 2nd November 2018**

Meeting Attendees:

Chairperson: Jayesh Chouhan

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

Dispensing Optician Members: Kristine Hammond, Lorraine Helson

Lay Members: Irene Durham

Apologies: Sean McKinley

Board Staff in attendance:

Registrar: Lindsey Pine

Minute taker: Jacqui Devery

Visitors:

Peter Hendicott and Sian Lewis, OCANZ

Jonathan Coates, Claro Law

Summary of key meeting decisions/matters discussed:

A number of practitioner cases were considered at this Board meeting, limiting time spent on other general Board business. As indicated on the Board's website, decisions relating to individual practitioners discussed at Board meetings are confidential between the Board and the practitioner under the Privacy Act 1993 and are therefore not included or referenced in these summaries.

Revised Standards of clinical competence for optometrists

The Board received two submissions in response to its consultation on the revised standards of clinical competence for optometrists.

After carefully considering these submissions, the Board resolved to approve the revised standards subject to minor changes suggested by submitters.

Invitation from the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE)

The Board discussed an invitation from MBIE to nominate someone to participate on the Spectacles Joint Standards Committee. The Board resolved to nominate Dispensing Optician Board Member, Kristine Hammond to participate on the Committee.

University of New South Wales (UNSW) prescribed qualification

The Board noted that it had not received any submissions on its consultation proposing to amend the UNSW prescribed qualification for registration in the Optometrist Scope of Practice.

The Board therefore resolved to approve its proposal and gazette the change.

Visitors from the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ)

The Board received Peter Hendicott and Sian Lewis, from OCANZ, and discuss accreditation and examination matters of common interest.

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Amendment Bill

It was noted that at the time of writing, the HPCA Amendment Bill had had its second reading but had not yet been passed. The Board received and noted a copy of the Health Committee's final report on the HPCA Act Amendment.

A copy of the Bill and this report is publically available at - https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_76354/health-practitioners-competence-assurance-amendment-bill

Policies for review and Approval

The Board discussed whether any revisions were needed to the Board's *Standards of Cultural Competence* for the two professions, as they have come up for 3 yearly review.

The Board resolved that the standards were still fit for purpose and therefore did not require any amendments.

The Board discussed whether any revisions were needed to the Board's *Policy on Renewal of Annual Practising Certificates*, as it had come up for 3 yearly review.

The Board resolved to make minor amendments to the policy in line with the Board's recent move to electronic record-keeping and to issue pdf APCs for the 2019 renewal period.