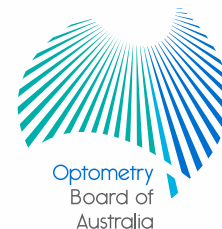


Optometry Board of Australia

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Introduction

This registration standard describes how an optometrist can qualify for endorsement for scheduled medicines, the scope of this endorsement and what the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) expects of practitioners with this type of endorsement.

Does this standard apply to me?

This registration standard applies to optometrists:

- applying to have their registration endorsed for scheduled medicines under section 94 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law) or
- whose registration is endorsed for scheduled medicines.

Scope of endorsement

An endorsed optometrist is qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, supply or use medicines, in accordance with relevant state and territory legislation, in the following classes:

- topical schedule 2, 3 or 4 medicines for the purposes of the practice of optometry

The endorsement relates to relevant schedule 2, 3 or 4 medicine pursuant to section 52D of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 [Cth].

A list of the medicines in each of the approved classes of scheduled medicines is published in the Board's *Guidelines for use of scheduled medicines*.

How can I qualify for endorsement?

To be eligible to be granted an endorsement for scheduled medicines under section 94 of the National Law, an applicant for registration with endorsement must have successfully completed:

- an approved program of study in ocular therapeutics, or
- a program of study determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to an approved program of study, or
- an examination or assessment in ocular therapeutics approved by the Board.

An approved program of study is one that has been accredited by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) and approved by the Board for the purpose of qualifying an optometrist for a scheduled medicines endorsement. An approved examination or assessment is one that has been approved by the Board for the purposes of qualifying an optometrist for scheduled medicines endorsement under section 94 of the National Law.

A list of approved programs of study and approved examinations or assessments is available on the Board's website (www.optometryboard.gov.au).

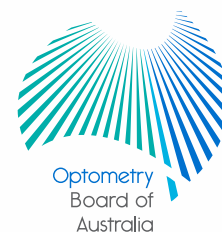
What must I do when I am endorsed?

Guidelines

Endorsed optometrists are expected to comply with guidelines for use of scheduled medicines issued from time to time by the Board and developed in accordance with section 39 of the National Law.

The guidelines are located on the Board's website at www.optometryboard.gov.au.

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State or territory authority

Endorsement of registration indicates that the optometrist is qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, supply or use topical schedule 2, 3 or 4 medicines for the purposes of the practice of optometry but does not authorise an optometrist to do so.

The authorisation to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, supply or use topical schedule 2, 3 or 4 medicines for the purposes of the practice of optometry in a state or territory is provided by or under legislation of the state or territory.

You must administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, supply or use topical schedule 2, 3 or 4 medicines for the purposes of the practice of optometry within the authority of the state or territory authority.

Wording to appear on the Register of optometrists

Endorsed as qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, supply or use topical schedule 2, 3 or 4 medicines for the purposes of the practice of optometry.

Authority

The Ministerial Council has decided that the Board may endorse optometrists to the extent described in this registration standard.

This standard has been approved by the Ministerial Council under section 12 of the National Law on 31 May 2018.

Registration standards are developed under section 38 of the National Law and are subject to wide ranging consultation.

Definitions

Approved program of study for a health profession or for endorsement of registration in a health profession, means an accredited program of study:

- a. approved under section 49(1) by the National Board established for the health profession, and
- b. included in the list published by the National Agency under section 49(5).

Ministerial Council means COAG Health Council

National Law means the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory.

Review

This standard for endorsement of registration will be reviewed from time to time as required. The Board will review this standard at least every five years.

This standard replaces the previous registration standard dated 1 July 2010.

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