

## **Prescribed Qualification for the Specialist Optometrist Scope of Practice— Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries for the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board in 2022**

Pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board specifies the prescribed qualification for the Specialist Optometrist Scope of Practice - Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries, as described below.

### **Notice**

1. This notice is the Notice of the prescribed qualification for a new scope of practice, the Specialist Optometrist Scope of Practice - Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries, by the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board (2022).
2. This notice revokes and replaces the Notice Prescribed Qualification for the Specialist Optometrist Scope of Practice - Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries for the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board in 2022 ([New Zealand Gazette, 16 May 2022, Notice No. 2022-gs1719](#)), by the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board.
3. This notice comes into force on **1 July 2022**.

The optometrist must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Hold registration in the Optometrist Scope of Practice and not be subject to any conditions; and
- have worked in a hospital ophthalmology department for a minimum of three years with at least 400 hours as a clinician in the relevant cataract and/or glaucoma clinic (as applies); and
- have demonstrated their understanding and comprehensive knowledge in the specified areas of competence for the safe delivery of ophthalmic laser surgeries published on the Board's website (Pathway 6 - Specialist Optometrist - Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries) to the satisfaction of their supervising ophthalmologist; and
- have satisfactorily observed the minimum required number of surgeries being performed by their supervising ophthalmologist published on the Board's website (Pathway 6 - Specialist Optometrist - Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries), attested to by their supervising ophthalmologist; and
- have satisfactorily and independently performed the required number of surgeries under the supervision of their supervising ophthalmologist published on the Board's website (Pathway 6 - Specialist Optometrist - Ophthalmic Laser Surgeries), attested to by their supervising ophthalmologist.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of May 2022.

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