



# Opticians Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 44

### PART II

#### REGISTRATION AND TRAINING OF OPTICIANS

##### *Training and Qualifications*

#### **12 Approval of training institutions and qualifications**

- (1) The Council may approve for the purposes of this Act any institution (hereafter in this Act referred to as “an approved training institution”) where the instruction given to persons training as opticians appears to the Council to be such as to secure to them adequate knowledge and skill for the practice of their profession.
- (2) The Council may approve for the purposes of this Act any qualification (hereafter in this Act referred to as “an approved qualification”) which appears to the Council to be granted to candidates who reach such a standard of proficiency at a qualifying examination as to secure to them adequate knowledge and skill for the practice of their profession.
- (3) An institution may be approved under this section as suitable for the giving of all, or some part of, the instruction necessary for the training of ophthalmic opticians or of dispensing opticians, or of both, and a qualification may be so approved as suitable to be granted to ophthalmic opticians or to dispensing opticians.
- (4) Where the Council have refused to approve an institution or qualification under this section as suitable for any purpose, the Privy Council, on representations being made to them within one month of the refusal, may, if they think fit, after considering the representations and after communicating with the Council, order the Council to approve the institution or qualification as suitable for that purpose.
- (5) The Council shall from time to time publish a list of approved training institutions and approved qualifications, indicating the purpose for which the approval was granted.