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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 2897**

**OPTICIANS**

**The General Optical Council (Testing of Sight  
by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians  
Rules) (Amendment) Order of Council 1999**

*Made* - - - - *20th October 1999*  
*Coming into force* - - *20th October 1999*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 20th day of October 1999  
By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in pursuance of section 24(3) of the Opticians Act 1989<sup>(1)</sup> the General Optical Council have made the General Optical Council Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians (Amendment) Rules 1999 as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

And whereas by section 34 of that Act such rules shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council:

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said rules into consideration, are hereby pleased to approve the same.

This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians Rules) (Amendment) Order of Council 1999.

*A. K. Galloway*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1989 c. 44.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

## SCHEDULE

### The General Optical Council Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians (Amendment) Rules 1999

The General Optical Council in exercise of their powers under section 24(3) of the Opticians Act 1989<sup>(2)</sup> hereby make the following rules:—

1. These rules may be cited as the General Optical Council Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians (Amendment) Rules 1999.

2. The General Optical Council Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians Rules 1993 (scheduled to the General Optical Council (Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians) Rules Order of Council 1994)<sup>(3)</sup> shall be amended by adding after Rule 4(e) the following—

“(f) persons who are in the course of training as an ophthalmic optician outside the United Kingdom and are receiving instruction at an approved training institution.”.

Sealed on the 4th day of March 1999

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Attested by:

*R. N. Roberts*  
Member of Council

*J. J. Fried*  
Member of Council

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(2) 1989 c. 44.  
(3) S.I.1994/70.

R. D. Wilshin  
Registrar

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The Rules approved by this Order amend the General Optical Council's Rules on the Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians 1993. They add an additional category of persons to those exempt from section 24(1) of the Opticians Act 1989 (which makes it an offence for anyone other than a registered medical practitioner or registered ophthalmic optician to test the sight of another person). The additional category is that of persons training as ophthalmic opticians outside the United Kingdom but currently receiving instruction at a training institution approved by the General Optical Council.