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**The National Health Service (Performers
Lists) (England) Regulations 2013**

PART 4

Ophthalmic Performers List

CHAPTER 1

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36. In this Part—

“the Committee” means the Ophthalmic Qualifications Committee, appointed by such organisations representative of the medical profession as may be recognised by the Secretary of State for the purposes of approving—

- (a) ophthalmic hospitals, academic degrees, academic or postgraduate courses in ophthalmology, and appointments affording special opportunities for acquiring the necessary skill and experience of the kind required for the provision of primary ophthalmic services; and
- (b) the qualifications of medical practitioners for the purposes of primary ophthalmic services;

“contractor” has the meaning given in section 117(5) of the 2006 Act (general ophthalmic services contracts)(**1**);

“ophthalmic hospital” includes an ophthalmic department of a hospital;

“ophthalmic medical practitioner” means a registered medical practitioner who has been recognised as an ophthalmic medical practitioner under regulations 43 or 44;

“ophthalmic practitioner ” means either—

- (a) a registered optometrist, who is not a corporate body; or
- (b) an ophthalmic medical practitioner;

“professional registration number” means, in relation to an ophthalmic practitioner, the number against the ophthalmic practitioner’s name in the register;

“register” means—

- (a) in relation to an optometrist, the register maintained by the General Optical Council under section 7(a) (register of opticians) or 8B(1)(a) (visiting opticians from relevant European States: registers) of the Opticians Act 1989(**2**);
- (b) in relation to an ophthalmic medical practitioner, the register of medical practitioners;

(1) Section 117 was amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), section 55 and Schedule 4, Part 6, paragraph 55.
(2) 1989 c. 44. Paragraph (a) of section 7 was substituted by S.I. 2005/848. Section 8B was inserted by S.I. 2007/3101.

“relevant scheme” means the scheme in respect of which the ophthalmic practitioner is applying to be included in an ophthalmic performers list; and

“scheme” means an arrangement to provide primary ophthalmic services under a general ophthalmic services contract within the meaning of section 117(2) of the 2006 Act (general ophthalmic services contracts).