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## SCHEDULE 3

Amendments for the purpose of, and in connection with,  
implementing the EEA EFTA free trade agreement

### PART 5

Amendments in relation to healthcare professions

#### Amendments to the Opticians Act 1989

**40.** After section 13A (the Council’s duty to provide guidance on fitness to practise)(**1**) insert—

**“13AA Information to be provided to specified state professionals**

(1) The Council must make information about the following matters available to specified state professionals—

- (a) the relevant laws to be applied regarding disciplinary action, financial responsibility or liability and other relevant matters;
- (b) the principles of discipline and enforcement of professional standards, including disciplinary jurisdiction and consequential effects on practising professional activities;
- (c) the processes and procedures for the ongoing verification of competence;
- (d) the criteria for, and procedures relating to, erasure or removal from the appropriate register;
- (e) the documentation required of specified state professionals and the form in which it should be presented; and
- (f) the documents and certificates issued in relation to professional qualifications or other conditions that apply to the practice of registered optometrists or registered dispensing opticians that are acceptable to the Council.

(2) The Council must deal promptly with enquiries from specified state professionals about conditions that apply to the practice of registered optometrists or registered dispensing opticians.”

**Commencement Information**

**II** Sch. 3 para. 40 in force at 1.12.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

(1) Section 13A was inserted by [S.I. 2005/848](#).

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