

Interpretation

36. (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

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“business registrant” means a body corporate registered in the register maintained by the Council under section 9 above;

“the Council” means the General Optical Council;

“dispensing optician” means a person engaged or proposing to engage in the fitting and supply of optical appliances;

“electronic communication” has the same meaning as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000;

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“medical authority” means one of the universities and other bodies who choose appointed members of the General Medical Council;

“optometrist” means a person engaged or proposing to engage in the testing of sight (otherwise than a registered medical practitioner or a person recognised by a medical authority as a medical student), whether or not he is also engaged or proposing to engage in the fitting and supply of optical appliances;

“optical appliance” means an appliance designed to correct, remedy or relieve a defect of sight;

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules under this Act;

“register” means, unless the context otherwise requires, any one of the following registers –

- (a) the register of optometrists maintained under section 7 above;
- (b) the register of dispensing opticians maintained under section 7 above;
- (c) the register of students maintained under section 8A above;
- (d) the register of bodies corporate maintained under section 9 above;

and, except where used in relation to medical practitioners, “registered” and “registration” have corresponding meanings;

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