

Contact Lens Practitioners (Practice, Conduct and Discipline) Regulations 1996

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**CONTACT LENS PRACTITIONERS ACT 1995
(ACT 25 OF 1995)**

CONTACT LENS PRACTITIONERS (PRACTICE, CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE) REGULATIONS 1996

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Contact Lens Practitioners Act 1995, the Contact Lens Practitioners Board, with the approval of the Minister for Health, hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Contact Lens Practitioners (Practice, Conduct and Discipline) Regulations 1996 and shall come into operation on 15th April 1996.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“aftercare” means follow-up service provided to a client after the prescription, fitting or supply of contact lenses for that client;

“appointed person” means a person appointed under regulation 15;

“certified true copy”, in relation to a licence, means a certified true copy of the licence issued by the Registrar pursuant to regulation 5(2) or 7(4) of the Contact Lens Practitioners Regulations 1996;

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“client” means a person who consults a contact lens practitioner in the course of his practice as a contact lens practitioner;

“inquiry committee” means an inquiry committee appointed under regulation 14(2)(c);

“licensed contact lens practitioner” means a contact lens practitioner who has in force a licence granted under the Act.

PART II

CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDARDS OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND PRACTICE

Duty to uphold standards of ethical and professional conduct and practice

3.—(1) A contact lens practitioner shall maintain high standards of ethical and professional conduct and provide proper and adequate service to his clients in his practice as a contact lens practitioner.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), a contact lens practitioner shall comply with standards of ethical and professional conduct and practice for contact lens practitioners which the Board may, from time to time, determine in the form of guidelines.

Functions to be done by contact lens practitioner

4.—(1) A contact lens practitioner shall personally carry out the following functions in respect of his clients and shall not permit any person who is not licensed under the Act to carry out any such functions in his practice as a contact lens practitioner:

- (a) explaining the risks involved in the use of contact lenses;
- (b) counselling on the proper use of contact lenses;
- (c) prescribing and fitting contact lenses; and
- (d) providing aftercare to clients, including monitoring to detect, prevent and manage problems or complications arising from the use of contact lenses prescribed, fitted or supplied in the course of his practice as a contact lens practitioner and dealing with such problems or complications.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a contact lens practitioner may, with the written consent of his client, arrange for another named licensed contact lens practitioner to carry out some or all of the functions referred to in paragraph (1) in respect of that client.

Referral of eye injuries and diseases

5.—(1) A contact lens practitioner who is not a registered medical practitioner shall not hold out that he can treat any injury or disease of the eye.

(2) Where it appears to such contact lens practitioner that his client is suffering from an injury or disease of the eye, he shall, except in an emergency or where, owing to special circumstances, it is impracticable or inexpedient to do so, refer his client to a registered medical practitioner with specialist qualifications in ophthalmology.

Proper contact lens practice and equipment

6.—(1) A contact lens practitioner shall maintain good contact lens practice at all

times.

(2) A contact lens practitioner shall ensure that his place of practice is properly and adequately equipped for his practice as a contact lens practitioner and he shall not use machinery, equipment or other facilities which do not comply with standards determined in the guidelines of the Board.

(3) A contact lens practitioner shall ensure that all machinery, equipment and other facilities used in his practice as a contact lens practitioner are maintained in proper working order.

Supply of proper contact lenses

7. A contact lens practitioner shall not supply used contact lenses or any contact lenses which do not comply with the standards determined in the guidelines of the Board.

Proper records to be kept

8.—(1) A contact lens practitioner shall ensure that proper and accurate records are kept to enable proper aftercare and service for his clients.

(2) Such records shall be kept for at least 6 years before disposal.

Places of practice

9.—(1) A contact lens practitioner shall inform the Registrar of every place where he carries on his practice as a contact lens practitioner.

(2) A contact lens practitioner shall report to the Registrar any change in his place of practice within 14 days thereof.

(3) A contact lens practitioner shall not have more than 3 places of practice unless he satisfies the Board that he will provide proper and adequate service at each of his places of practice and obtains the prior approval of the Board.

(4) A contact lens practitioner shall conspicuously display his licence at the principal place of his practice as a contact lens practitioner and a certified true copy of his licence at each of his other places of practice as a contact lens practitioner.

Advertising

10. A contact lens practitioner shall not advertise his practice as a contact lens practitioner or endorse any product related to contact lens practice except in accordance with guidelines determined by the Board or in such manner as the Board may approve.