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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

No. R. 413

18 April 2008

#### HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR OPTOMETRY AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 15 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act 29 of 2007, and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Stakeholder Relations and Management) within three months from date of publication of this notice.

#### SCHEDULE

##### Definitions

1. In these regulations **"the Act"** means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act No. 29 of 2007, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise -

**"board"** means the Professional Board for Optometry and Dispensing Opticians established in terms of section 15 of the Act;

**"designated groups"** means black people, women and persons with disabilities who, for the purposes of these regulations, shall be protected and advanced in the following order of the levels of disadvantage of the past, which must be taken into consideration in the appointment process:

- (a) women;
- (b) men of African, Asian or coloured descent; and
- (c) disabled persons, irrespective of descent; and

**"section"** means a section of the Act.