



LIST OF COMMON OFFENCES UNDER THE OPTOMETRISTS AND OPTICIANS ACT

Please see the following for information on the list of common offences under the Optometrists and Opticians Act (OOA) and its regulations:

Section 13 - Registers

A registered person shall inform the Registrar in writing on any changes to

- a. Name;
- b. Residential and/or Mailing address;
- c. Residential Status;
- d. Employment at primary practice address (includes change of outlet within the same company);
- e. Employment at secondary practice address (includes part-time employment);
- f. Email address;
- g. Mobile number; and
- h. Any change or addition to his qualifications.

All changes need to be updated within 28 days of the occurrence of the change. Any person who fails to comply shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Section 17 - Certificate of Registration

Where a person has had his registration in respect of any practice of optometry or opticianry cancelled or suspended, he shall surrender his certificate of registration (RC) to the Board —

- a. within 14 days of being notified by the Board of such cancellation or suspension; or
- b. in a case where an appeal is pending under [section 22](#), within such period as the Board may specify.

Any person who fails to comply with [subsection \(2\)](#) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

Section 25 - Unlawful Engagement in Optometry or Opticianry

1. No person shall
 - a. Carry out any practice of optometry or opticianry; or
 - b. Advertise or otherwise hold himself to be qualified to carry out any practice of optometry or opticianry,unless he is a qualified person in respect of the practice of optometry or opticianry in question, and he carries out that practice in accordance with the prescribed conditions.
2. No person shall employ any person who is not a qualified person in respect of a practice of optometry or opticianry to carry out that practice of optometry or opticianry.

3. Any person who contravenes the above shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both.

Optometrists and Opticians (Registration and Practising Certificates) Regulations

Regulation 21 - Display of Certificate of Registration

Every registered person shall display the original or certified true copy of his certificate of registration (RC) conspicuously at every place of his practice as an optometrist or an optician, as the case maybe. Any person who fails to comply shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Regulation 23 - Practising Certificate

The holder of a practising certificate (PC) shall display the original practising certificate conspicuously at every place of his practice as an optometrist or an optician, as the case maybe. Any person who fails to comply shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

For Provisional/ Conditional/ Temporary Registration

A person who has been granted provisional/conditional/temporary registration as an optometrist or optician must comply to conditions related to registration. He/she must read and understand the conditions letter carefully.

Any breaches of conditions or regulations could subject optometrists and opticians to disciplinary proceedings or further investigation by the Ministry of Health (MOH).