

# **Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024**

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## **THE OPTICAL COUNCIL ACT 2021**

### **Regulations made by the Minister, after consultation with the Optical Council of Mauritius, under section 43 of the Optical Council Act 2021**

- 1.** These regulations may be cited as the **Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024**.
- 2.** In these regulations –
  - "Act" means the Optical Council Act 2021;
  - "certificate of good standing" means a certificate issued by the Registrar in respect of the good character of an optician;
  - "identification card" means an identification card issued by the Registrar to an optician.
- 3.** For the purpose of section 18 of the Act –
  - (a) an application for registration as an optician shall be made in the form set out in the First Schedule;
  - (b) a certificate of registration shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule.
- 4.** For the purpose of section 19 of the Act –
  - (a) an application for temporary registration as a foreign optician shall be made in the form set out in the Third Schedule;
  - (b) a certificate of registration shall be in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule.
- 5.** For the purpose of section 20 of the Act, the certificate of registration of a visiting optician shall be as set out in the Fifth Schedule.
- 6.** (1) Where the Registrar registers an optician, a foreign optician or a visiting optician, he shall issue an identification card to the optician, foreign optician or visiting optician, as the case may be.
  - (2) Every identification card shall include the following particulars –

- (a) the name of the optician;
- (b) the date of his registration with the Council;
- (c) the registration number of the optician;
- (d) the qualifications of the optician as recognised by the Council; and
- (e) a passport-size photograph of the optician.

(3) The optician shall, where he is no longer registered with the Council, forthwith surrender the identification card to the Registrar.

7. (1) For the purpose of section 18(1)(c) of the Act, the examination fee shall be as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

(2) For the purpose of sections 18(4)(b) and 19(2)(e) of the Act, the processing fee shall be as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

(3) For the purpose of sections 18(1)(d) and 19(5)(a) of the Act, the fee payable for the issue of a certificate of registration shall be as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

(4) For the purpose of sections 18(6)(c) and 19(5)(b) of the Act, the annual fee shall be as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

(5) For the purpose of sections 18(7) and 19(5)(c) of the Act, the fee payable for the issue of a duplicate certificate of registration shall be as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

(6) For the purpose of regulation 6, the fee payable for the issue of an identification card to an optician or a foreign optician shall be as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

(7) For the purpose of section 23(3)(b) of the Act, the fee payable for adding any additional qualification shall be as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

8. Where –

- (a) there is a change in address or any particulars of the optician, foreign optician or visiting optician, the optician, foreign optician or visiting optician, as the case may be, shall forthwith inform the Council accordingly; or
- (b) an optician, a foreign optician or a visiting optician intends to be absent from the country for period of more than 6 months, the optician, foreign optician or visiting optician, as the case may be, shall at least 15 days before proceeding on such leave, inform the Council accordingly.

9. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 2024.

Made by the Minister, after consultation with the Optical Council of Mauritius, on 10 May 2024.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 3]

**THE OPTICAL COUNCIL OF MAURITIUS  
APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION AS OPTICIAN**

Title - Mr/Mrs/Miss\*

Surname .....

First name .....

Maiden name (if applicable) .....

National Identity Card no. ....

Residential address .....

Telephone no. .... Mobile no. ....

Email address..... Fax no.....

Details of qualifications –

Qualifications	Name of institute	Country	Date

**Declaration by Applicant**

I,....., declare that –

- (a) all the particulars given above are to my best knowledge and belief, true and accurate;
- (b) I am of good character and have not been convicted of any crime involving fraud or dishonesty;
- (c) I am not under suspension under the laws of any country for or on account of any negligence or infamous conduct or any professional misconduct or malpractice;
- (d) I have not been struck off the list of persons entitled to practise optometry in any country;
- (e) I am not incapacitated by reason of any physical or mental health; and

- (f) I am hereby attaching the following documentary evidence –
- (i) a copy of the particulars of my qualifications; and
  - (ii) a copy of the certificate of character issued not more than 3 months from the date of my present application.

*\*Delete as appropriate*

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Date

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Signature

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 4(a)]

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS OPTICIAN**

**Certificate issued under regulation 3(b) of the Optical Council (Registration of opticians) Regulations 2024**

**Certificate no. ....**

Mr/Mrs/Miss\* .....  
.....  
.....residing at.....

and holder of National Identity Card no. ....,  
has this day been registered as an optician (Optometrist/*Opticien Lunetier*/Dispensing Optician\*) in accordance with the Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024.

This certificate shall be valid for a period of one year and shall be renewed on payment of the annual fee specified in the Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024.

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Date

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Signature of Registrar  
Optical Council of Mauritius

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**THIRD SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 4(a)]

**THE OPTICAL COUNCIL OF MAURITIUS APPLICATION FORM FOR  
TEMPORARY REGISTRATION AS FOREIGN OPTICIAN**

Title - Mr/Mrs/Miss\*

Surname .....

First name .....

Maiden name (if applicable) .....

Passport no. .... Date of birth.....

Nationality ..... Sex Male/Female\*

Residential address .....

Telephone no. .... Mobile no. ....

Email address ..... Fax no. ....

Details of qualifications –

Qualifications	Name of institute	Country	Date

Name of company that intends to hire my services .....

Particulars of company

Address ..... Telephone no. ....

Email address ..... Fax no.....

Details of contact person

Name ..... Telephone no.....

Email address ..... Mobile no. ....

**Declaration by Applicant**

I, ....., declare that –

- (a) all the particulars given above are to my best knowledge and belief, true and accurate;
- (b) I am of good character and have not been convicted of any crime involving fraud or dishonesty;
- (c) I am not under suspension under the laws of any country for or on account of any negligence or infamous conduct or any professional misconduct or malpractice;
- (d) I have not been struck off the list of persons entitled to practise optometry in any country;
- (e) I am not incapacitated by reason of any physical or mental health;
- (f) undertake to work in a company or other body where the relevant expertise required in the field is not available in Mauritius;
- (g) undertake to work in a company or other body where at least a 75 per cent shares of which is owned by the citizens of Mauritius;
- (h) undertakes not to open a company or body operating in the field of optometry; and
- (i) I am hereby attaching the following documentary evidence –
  - (i) a copy of the particulars of my qualifications;
  - (ii) a copy of the certificate of character issued by my country of origin not more than 3 months from the date of my present application.;
  - (iii) a copy of offer of employment by the company; and
  - (iv) a copy of the undertaking by the company stating that my field of expertise is not available in Mauritius.

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Date

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Signature



**FOURTH SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 4(b)]

**PRACTISING LICENCE AS FOREIGN OPTICIAN**

**Certificate issued under regulation 4(b) of the Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024**

**Certificate no.....**

Mr/Mrs/Miss\* .....  
....., residing at.....  
....., and holder of passport no.....has this day been registered as a temporary foreign optician (Optometrist/*Opticien Lunetier*/Dispensing Optician\*) in accordance with the Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024. He/She has been offered employment by.....(name of company) situate at ..... (address).

This certificate is issued on condition that Mr/Mrs/Miss\*.....  
.....undertakes –

- (a) to work in a company or other body where the relevant expertise required in the field is not available in Mauritius;
- (b) to work in a company or other body where at least a 75 per cent shares of which is owned by the citizens of Mauritius; and
- (c) not to open a company or body operating in the field of optometry.

This certificate shall be valid for a period of one year and shall be renewed on payment of the annual fee specified in the Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024.

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Date

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Signature of Registrar  
Optical Council of Mauritius

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**FIFTH SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 4(b)]

**PRACTISING LICENCE AS VISITING OPTICIAN**

**Certificate issued under regulation 4(b) of the Optical Council  
(Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024**

**Certificate no.....**

Mr/Mrs/Miss\* .....

..... residing at .....

....., and holder of passport no....., has this day been registered as a temporary visiting optician (Optometrist/*Opticien Lunetier*/Dispensing Optician\*) in accordance with the Optical Council (Registration of Opticians) Regulations 2024.

This certificate is issued on condition that Mr/Mrs/Miss\*..... shall not be involved in the running of any optometry shop.

This certificate shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed for further periods of one year.

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Date

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Signature of Registrar  
Optical Council of Mauritius

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## SIXTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 7]

### FEES

	<b>(Rs)</b>
1. Examination fee	7,000
2. Processing fee of application to be registered as optician	2,000
3. Fee for issue of certificate of registration as optician	2,000
4. Processing fee of application to be temporarily registered as foreign optician	2,000
5. Fee for issue of certificate of temporary registration as foreign optician	2,000
6. Fee for issue of identification card	300
7. Fee for issue of duplicate identification card	300
Annual fee payable by –	
(a) an optician	8,000
(b) a foreign optician	16,000
8. Fee for processing any additional qualification	300
9. Fee for issue of a duplicate certificate of registration as optician	500
10. Fee for issue of certificate of good standing	1,000