

Partially Regulated Health Professions**SUBMISSION**

On the question of whether the optical dispensing profession should be regulated nationally and included in the National Regulation and Accreditation Scheme.

**Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee
Health Workforce Principal Committee**

The Optical Dispensers Licensing Board is an independent statutory authority established under the Optical Dispensers Act 1963 (NSW) to maintain the register of optical dispensers in New South Wales and to administer the Act.

New South Wales is the only Australian state to have a legislative requirement for licensing of optical dispensers, this requirement having been abolished in all other Australian states and territories.

The Board has reviewed the submission prepared by the Australasian Dispensing Opticians Association (ADOA) in support of national regulation of the optical dispensing profession and inclusion of the profession in the National Regulation and Accreditation Scheme. The Board wishes to convey to the Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee its endorsement of ADOA's submission, of copy of which is attached hereto and requests that the views expressed therein be regarded as views shared by the Board.



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