



New South Wales

# Public Health (General) Amendment (Optical Appliances) Regulation 2007

under the

Public Health Act 1991

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Public Health Act 1991*.

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Minister for Health

## Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to authorise orthoptists who are registered with the Australian Orthoptists Registration Body Pty Ltd to prescribe spectacle lenses but only for persons who have been referred to them in writing in the previous 6 months by a registered optometrist or registered medical practitioner practising as an ophthalmologist.

This Regulation is made under the *Public Health Act 1991*, including sections 10AE and 82 (the general regulation-making power).

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## 1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Public Health (General) Amendment (Optical Appliances) Regulation 2007*.

## 2 Amendment of Public Health (General) Regulation 2002

The *Public Health (General) Regulation 2002* is amended by inserting after clause 20B:

### 20C Prescribing of optical appliances

For the purposes of section 10AE (1) (c) of the Act:

- (a) orthoptists who are registered with the Australian Orthoptists Registration Body Pty Ltd are declared to be authorised persons, and
- (b) the conditions and limitations with which an authorised person referred to in paragraph (a) must comply are that the authorised person may prescribe only spectacle lenses and only to someone who:
  - (i) has had, within the previous 6 months, an ocular health examination conducted by an optometrist or a registered medical practitioner practising as an ophthalmologist, and
  - (ii) has been referred in writing to the authorised person by the optometrist or medical practitioner.

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