
PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR OPTOMETRY AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Ms C Gopal
ETQA: Qualifications Development
and Maintenance Manager
**Health and Welfare Sector Education
and Training Authority**
17 Bradford Road, Bedfordview
Johannesburg
2007

Department: Office of the Registrar:
Executive Company
Secretariat
Designation: Deputy Company Secretary:
Ms T Vundule
Date: 15 May 2025

Email: champag@hwseta.org.za

Dear Ms Gopal

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL VISION
SCREENER PROGRAMME**

Please be advised that on 25 April 2025, the Education Training and Registration Committee (ETRC) of the Professional Board for Optometry and Dispensing Opticians (PBODO) considered a re-submission from the Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (HWSETA) requesting support for the Occupational Vision Screener programme.

It was further noted that HWSETA, in collaboration with other stakeholders participating in the Vision Skills programme, attended the meeting and provided responses to queries raised by ETRC members.

The ETRC has resolved not to support the proposed Occupational Vision Screener programme, citing a lack of clarity regarding the programme's objectives and concerns related to potential scope of practice infringements. It is recommended that HWSETA consider the alternative of providing training to dispensing opticians to perform relevant occupational health functions.

Thank you

MS T VUNDULE
DEPUTY COMPANY SECRETARY