STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 943

OPTICIANS

The General Optical Council (Rules on the Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians) Order of Council, 1961

Made - - - - 15*th May*, 1961
Coming into Operation 1*st June*, 1961

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 15th day of May, 1961

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in pursuance of subsection (3) of section twenty of the Opticians Act, 1958(a), the General Optical Council have made rules entitled "The Rules on the Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians, 1961";

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said rules into consideration, are hereby pleased, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Them by subsection (4) of the said section 20, and of all other powers Them enabling, to approve the same as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Rules on the Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians) Order of Council, 1961, and shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1961.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

The Rules on the Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians, 1961

The General Optical Council in exercise of their powers under subsection (3) of section 20 of the Opticians Act, 1958, hereby make the following rules:—

1. These rules may be cited as the Rules on the Testing of Sight by Persons Training as Ophthalmic Opticians, 1961.

2. (*a*) In these rules, "the Act" means the Opticians Act, 1958, "the Council" means the General Optical Council established under the Act; and the phrases "ophthalmic optician" and "registered ophthalmic optician" have the meaning given them by section 30 of the Act.

(*b*) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply for the interpretation of these rules as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. A person training as an ophthalmic optician who falls within either of the classes prescribed by Rule 4 of these rules may in the course of obtaining practical experience test the sight of another person if he does so:—

(*a*) under the continuous personal supervision of a registered ophthalmic optician, or

(*b*) in an ophthalmic hospital or department of a hospital under the continuous personal supervision of a registered medical practitioner on the staff of the hospital or department.

(a) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 32. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

4. The classes of persons training as ophthalmic opticians prescribed for purposes of these rules are the following:—

(1) Persons who have passed all the necessary examinations for a qualification recognised by the Council on or before the first day of June, 1961, as a qualification as an ophthalmic optician under subsection (2) of section 3 of the Act, or recognised by the Council for the time being as a qualification as an ophthalmic optician under subsection (4) of the said section, or approved by the Council for the time being as a qualification suitable to be granted to an ophthalmic optician under section 5 of the Act.

(2) Persons who by virtue of a qualification granted outside the United Kingdom have been authorised, by a body granting a qualification approved by the Council for the time being under section 5 of the Act as suitable to be granted to an ophthalmic optician, to sit without further study its final examination for the qualification so approved.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order approves rules made under subsection (3) of section 20 of the Opticians Act, 1958, exempting certain classes of persons training as ophthalmic opticians from the provision in subsection (1) of section 20 that a person who is not a registered medical practitioner or registered ophthalmic optician shall not test the sight of another person.