



POLICY: OCULAR THERAPEUTICS

Under section 170(2) of the *Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996*, optometrists possessing “prescribed qualifications” are legally authorised “to the extent necessary to practise optometry”, to not only access registered restricted drugs for diagnostic purposes but also administer, supply and prescribe such drugs “under an ocular therapeutics protocol” as part of a person’s ocular care or treatment.

The “prescribed qualifications” required of an optometrist for the therapeutic use of drugs are defined in section 170(3) as “qualifications required under an ocular therapeutics protocol to administer, supply or prescribe a restricted drug”.

The Board has a mandatory requirement that therapeutically endorsed optometrists complete a prescribed drugs survey on a monthly basis.

More information on ocular therapeutics is available by contacting the Board’s office on telephone (07) 3247 4862, fax (07) 3225 2527, email optometry@healthregboards.qld.gov.au or visit the Board’s website at www.optomboard.qld.gov.au under *Therapeutics*.

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