

## INTRODUCTION

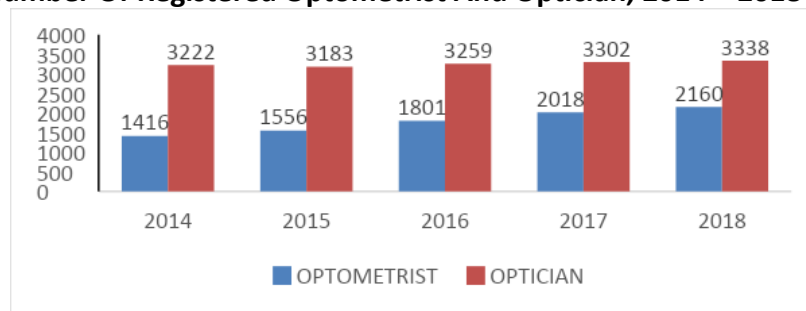
Malaysian Optical Council was established on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1992. MOC is responsible for the registration of optometrists and opticians, monitoring optometry services and practices and also evaluate and recognize Optometry and Opticianry Programme provided by Higher Education Provider in Malaysia.

## ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### FULL REGISTRATION OF OPTICIAN AND OPTOMETRIST

All application for registration of optician and optometrist will be evaluated by MOC Evaluation Committee. Figure 1 shows the increasing numbers of optometrist and opticians registered with MOC annually.

**Figure 1**  
**Number Of Registered Optometrist And Optician, 2014 – 2018**



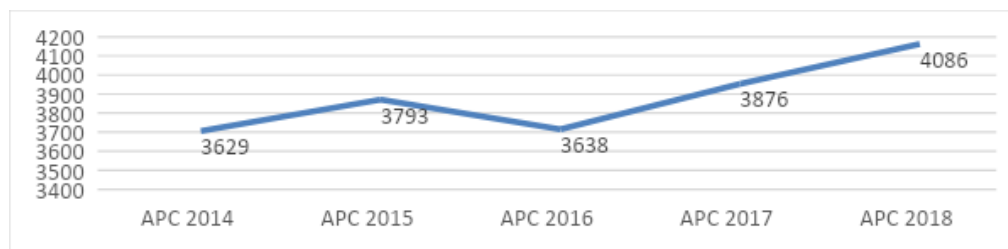
Source: MOC Activities Report 2018, 74<sup>th</sup> MOC Meeting

Malaysian Optical Council Evaluation Committee which is responsible for matters relating to registration and certification has held five meetings throughout the year 2018.

### ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC) FOR OPTICIAN AND OPTOMETRIST

According to section 32 Optical Act 1991, APC will be issued to registered optician and optometrist who intend to practise in Malaysia. Figure 2 shows numbers of practitioners who had renewed their APC (2014 to 2018).

**Figure 2**  
**Total APC Issued by Year (2014 to 2018)**



Source: MOC Activities Report 2018, 74<sup>th</sup> MOC Meeting

## PERMIT TO PRESCRIBE AND DISPENSE CONTACT LENSES

Permit to Prescribe and Dispense Contact Lenses (Contact Lens Permit) is a certificate issued to the registered optician who has passed contact lens examination organized by Malaysian Optical Council. In year 2018, four registered opticians had passed both the theory and practical exams. Up to year 2018, a total of 575 registered opticians are allowed to practice contact lens.

### **ACREDITATION AND RECOGNITION OF OPTOMETRY/OPTICIANRY PROGRAMME**

Joint Technical Committee (JTC) of Malaysian Optical Council which responsible in evaluating and monitoring optometry/opticianry programme offered by the higher education providers has held four (4) meetings throughout the year 2018.

Three (3) evaluation programs and monitoring sessions were also held throughout the year 2018 to ensure that the optometry/opticianry programmes were carried out in line with the standards set by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA). The list of higher education providers offering optometry/opticianry programmes in Malaysia are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
**List of Higher Education Provider Offered Optometry/Opticianry Programme**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>University/College</b>                       | <b>Programmes</b>                 | <b>Accreditation Status</b> |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1          | Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM)   | Sarjana Muda Optometri (Kepujian) | Full Accreditation          |
| 2          | Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)                | Sarjana Muda Optometri (Kepujian) | Full Accreditation          |
| 3          | Management & Science University (MSU)           | Bachelor of Optometry             | Full Accreditation          |
| 4          | SEGi University                                 | Bachelor of Optometry (Hons)      | Full Accreditation          |
| 5          | National Institute of Ophthalmic Science (NIOS) | Bachelor of Science in Optometry  | Full Accreditation          |
| 6          | Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)            | Sarjana Muda Optometri (Kepujian) | Full Accreditation          |
| 7          | UCSI University                                 | Bachelor of Optometry (Hons)      | Full Accreditation          |
| 8          | Institut Profesional Axismatic                  | FBDO                              | Full Accreditation          |
| 9          | Vision College                                  | Diploma in Opticianry             | Full Accreditation          |
| 10         | Business & Management International College     | Diploma in Opticianry             | Provisional Accreditation   |

*Source: MOC Activities Report 2018, 74<sup>th</sup> MOC Meeting*

To ensure that the panel of assessors appointed is trained and highly skilled, Malaysian Optical Council has organized Outcomes Based Education Workshop on 23 April 2018 and COPPA V2.0 & Evaluation Instruments for COPPA V2.0 briefing on 29 November 2018.

## OPTICAL ACT 1991 & OPTICAL REGULATION 1994

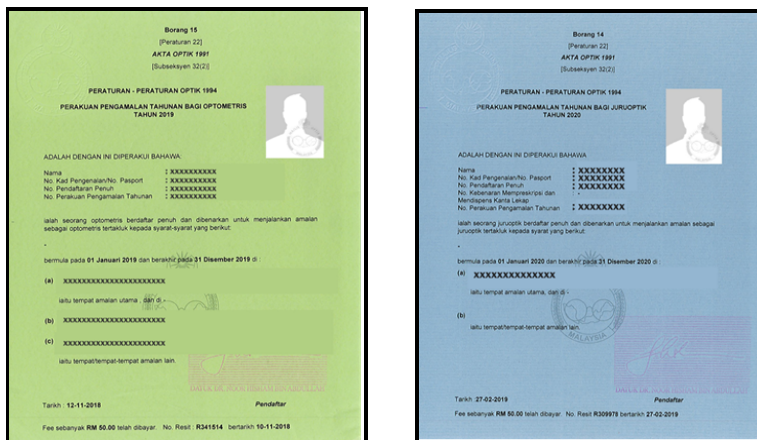
Beginning January 2018, MOC Optical Act Amendment Committee has organized several engagement and workshops sessions in preparation for the drafting of the new Optical Bill. There were two amendments made to the Optical Regulations 1994, amendment to Full Registration Certificate and Annual Practicing Certificate for Optician and Optometrist. The new certificates are as Image 1 and Image 2.

**Image 1**  
**Full Registration Certificate for Optician and Optometrist**



Source: Optical Regulations 1994, MOC

**Image 2**  
**Annual Practicing Certificate for Optician and Optometrist**



Source: Optical Regulations 1994, MOC

## ETHICS AND COMPLAINTS

MOC through the Ethics Committee has resolved complaints received against registered practitioners. Of the 16 complaints received in 2018, 10 complaints are about unregistered practitioners, 5 complaints regarding the sale of contact lenses online and 1 complaint on the

sale of eye medicines to treat eye diseases. The Committee has resolved these complaints by sending a warning letter and referring the complaint to the Pharmacy Division and Medical Device Authority. Advice was also given to ensure that practitioners provide safe and high quality optometry services to the community.

On 24 to 27 July 2018, MOC has organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop for Intelligence Officer using the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA) training module at Bayview Hotel, Melaka. A total of 25 Intelligence Officers comprising KKM optometrists were trained to conduct investigation in the event of complaints. Three speakers and facilitators from MACA were invited to give lectures and conduct training.

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)**

The number of active registered opticians and optometrists in 2018 are 3868. Of these, 1277 people have registered with myCPD system.

### **WAY FORWARD**

In line with the rapid development of the optical, medical and information technologies, and an increasingly sophisticated clientele, the Malaysian Optical Council is expected to face greater challenges moving forward.

Thus, there is a need for endless planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation efforts not only among government-optometry practitioners, optometry practitioners in the private sector and education sector and also the public so that the following goals can be achieved:

- To ensure all Optometry practitioners in Malaysia are registered with MOC.
- High standards of optometry practices are practiced by all Optometry practitioners in Malaysia.
- To ensure that the public is protected from the consequences / dangers that may be caused by prescription and use of glasses and contact lenses issued by unqualified persons through the enforcement of Optics and Regulations.
- To ensure Malaysians receive safe and professional eye health care.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Malaysian Optical Council will always endeavor to promote, regulate and protect the vision healthcare of the people of Malaysia by ensuring quality care is given by optometry practitioners through law enforcement and regulation.