

1. INTRODUCTION

The Malaysian Optical Council (MOC) is a regulatory body responsible in registering optometrists and opticians, issuing Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) for optometrists and opticians and monitoring optometry services and practices under provisions of Optical Act 1991. MOC is also involved in evaluation and recognition of the Optometry and Opticianry Program provided by Higher Education Providers (HEP) in Malaysia.

2. ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 RECOGNITION, OPERATION & FINANCE SECTOR

This sector is responsible in recognition of the Optometry / Opticianry Program and APEL (C) Assessment for registered optician.

Assessment of Program Accreditation Monitoring

Assessment of program accreditation monitoring has been carried out on the three (3) programs as shown in the Table 2.1.1.

Table 2.1.1
Assessment of Program Accreditation Monitoring

<p>22 Jul.22</p>  <p><i>Bachelor of Optometry (Hons) (MQA/FA 0100)</i></p>	<p>09 Sep.22</p>  <p><i>Bachelor of Optometry (Hons) (A 8261)</i></p>	<p>10 Nov.22</p>  <p><i>Diploma in Opticianry (MQA/FA 3114)</i></p>
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Source: Recognition Sector, MOC

Development of standards and guidelines

Program Standard Documents and Guidelines of Optometry / Opticianry Programs Accreditation Approval Version 2.0 based on Code of Practice Program Accreditation (COPPA) 2.0 and Malaysian Qualification Framework (MQF) 2.0 has been approved in 80th MOC meeting (1/2022). These documents will be distributed to all HEPs offering optometry / opticianry programs in Malaysia.

Assessment of Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Credit Award (APEL C)

Some activities related to APEL (C) were held as follows;

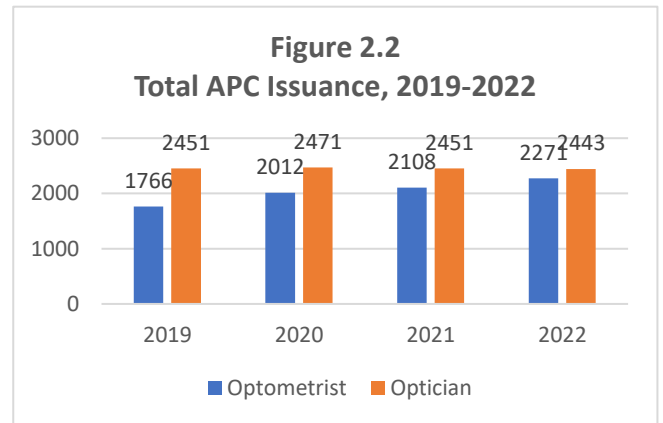
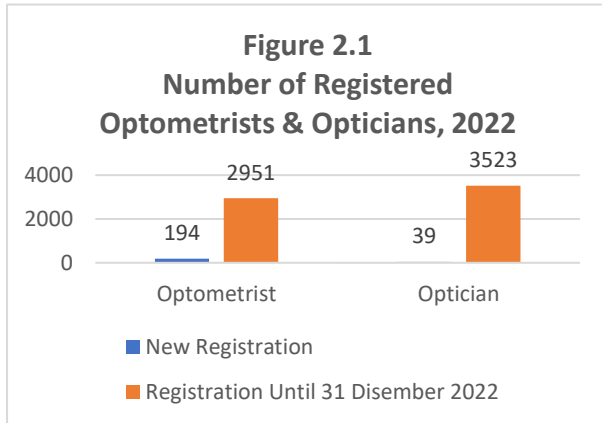
Table 2.1.2
APEL (C) Assessment Activities

No.	Activities	Date	Target
1.	Workshop on APEL (C) [Credit Award] – Practice Based Assessment	March 3, 2022	APEL (C) MOC Committee
2.	Engagement Session regarding implementation of APEL (C) MOC	October 18, 2022	Registered Opticians
3.	APEL (C) portfolio filling briefing session	May 11, 2022	13 APEL (C) candidates

Source: Recognition Sector, MOC

2.2 REGISTRATION SECTOR

MOC Evaluation Committee is responsible in matters related to registration and annual practicing certificate for optometrists and opticians (optometry practitioners) in Malaysia. Figure 2.1 shows number of optometrists and opticians registered for the year 2022. Figure 2.2 shows total APC issuance for year 2019 to 2022.



Source: Registration Sector, MOC

Professional Qualifying Assessment (PQA)

MOC with the Pertubuhan Akademi Optometri Malaysia have successfully handled the PQA to register opticianry program graduate who have qualifications that are not listed in the First Schedule, Optical Act 1991 as a registered optician. The PQA was held at the UKM Optometry Clinic on 18 June 2022 involving 3 candidates.

Clients Day

Clients Day was held on 24 May 2022, 26 July 2022 and 30 August 2022 to give the opportunity to practitioners to come to the MOC office, make an APC application and get the APC certificate on the same day.

Image 1.1
PQA, UKM Optometry Clinic

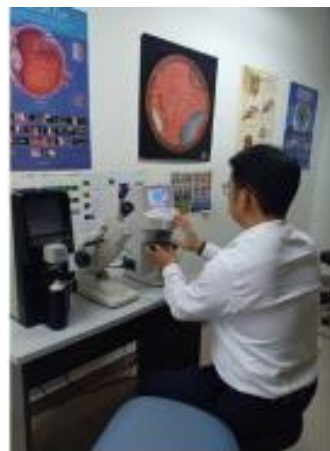


Image 1.2
Clients Day



Source: Registration Sector, MOC

2.3 ETHICS AND ACT SECTOR

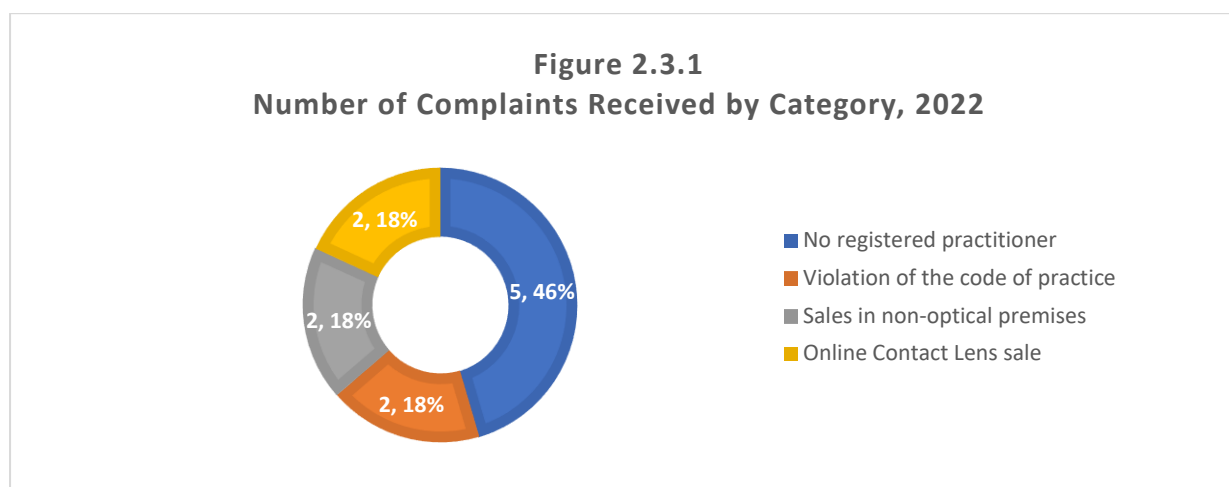
This sector responsible for the drafting of the Optometry Bill, amendment of Schedule of Optical Act 1991 and Optical Regulations 1994, handling practitioner-related and MOC services-related complaints and conducting audits surveillance on optometry practitioners.

Optometry Bill Draft

Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the Optometry Bill has been approved by the Malaysian Productivity Corporation (MPC) through a letter dated November 2, 2022. The bill then will be sent to Ministry of Health Legal Advisor and Department of Attorney General for review.

Complaint

MOC accepts complaint from various channel including through e-mail (eaduan.moc@moh.gov.my), letter and telephone. Total complaints received and handled by MOC are as in Figure 2.3.1.



Source: Ethics & Act Sector, MOC

Optics Surveillance Audit

Optics Surveillance Audit is an audit conducted on registered optometrists and opticians practicing optometry in optical premises in Malaysia. The objective is to assess their level of compliance with Optical Act 1991 and Code of Practice. List of audited registered optometrists and opticians is as in Table 2.3.2.

Table 2.3.2
List of Audited Optometrists and Opticians, 2022

No.	Date	Place	Number of audited	
			Optometrists	Opticians
1.	March 10, 2022	Cyberjaya	11	3
2.	March 24, 2022	Bangi Phase 1	15	7
3.	July 19, 2022	Bangi Phase 2	21	2
4.	July 27, 2022	Sepang	8	6
5.	August 25, 2022	Section 7, Shah Alam	19	5
6.	October 13, 2022	Putrajaya	1	0

Engagement Sessions with Other Agencies

In an effort to empower the enforcement activities on optical premises and registered optometry practitioners in Malaysia, an engagement session was held with the Enforcement Division, KPDNHEP on 13 September 2022 and 19 October 2022 and with Local Authority Section, Economic Planning Unit (UPEN), Selangor on 27 October 2022.

Image 2.3.3
Enforcement Division, KPDNHEP



Source: Ethics & Act Sector, MOC

Image 2.3.4
Local Authority Section, UPEN Selangor



2.4 COMPETENCY SECTOR

Contact Lens Examination for Registered Opticians

Section 30 of the Optical Act 1991 provides permit to prescribe and dispense contact lens for registered optician who have passed the exam held by the Council. The Examination was conducted on 31 May 2022 & 1 June 2022 at the SEGi University, Kota Damansara, Petaling Jaya. A total of 16 registered opticians sat the practical contact lens exam. Three (3) candidates have passed and 13 candidates have failed in the exam. The permits to prescribe and dispense contact lens have been issued to registered optician who have passed the exam.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

To ensure a systematic lifelong learning and professional development among registered optometrists and opticians, MOC actively encourages all optometry practitioners to register and actively claim CPD points in the myCPD2.0 system. The number of optometry practitioners registered in the myCPD system and the number of programs and events that have been approved throughout the year 2022 are shown in Figures 2.4.1 and 2.4.2.

