

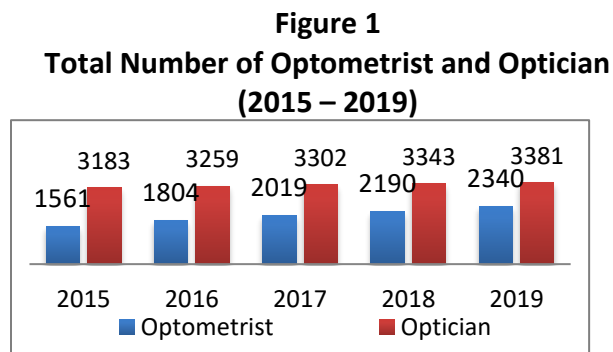
INTRODUCTION

Malaysian Optical Council (MOC) was established on 1st February 1992. MOC is responsible to register optometrist and opticians, monitor optometry services and practices and also evaluate and recognize Optometry and Opticianry Programme provided by Higher Education Provider in Malaysia.

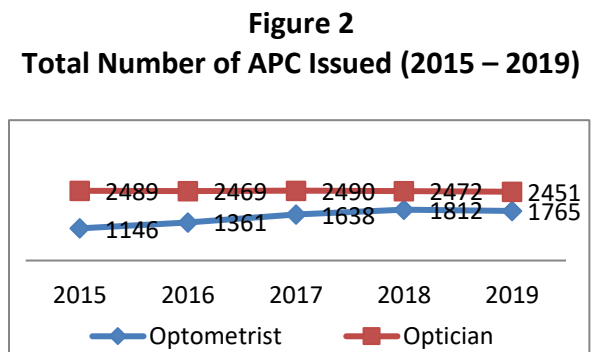
ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

FULL REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC) OF OPTICIAN AND OPTOMETRIST

MOC Evaluation Committee responsible for matters related to registration and certification. Figure 1 shows the increasing numbers of registered optometrists and opticians with MOC annually. In 2019, five (5) meetings were held by the committee. Figure 2 shows the number of APC issued in 2019. According to Section 32 Optical Act 1991, APC will be issued to registered practitioners who intend to practice in Malaysia.



Source: MOC Activities Report 2019, 76th MOC Meeting



Source: MOC Activities Report 2019, MOC Registration Unit

PERMISSION TO PRESCRIBE AND DISPENSE CONTACT LENSES

Permission to prescribe and dispense contact lenses (Contact Lens Permit) is a certificate issued to registered optician who passed the Contact Lens Examination organised by MOC. In 2019, only three (3) registered opticians had passed both theory and practical exams. Until 2019, there are 580 registered opticians eligible to prescribe and dispense contact lens.

OPTOMETRY AND OPTICIANRY PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION AND MONITORING ASSESSMENT

Joint Technical Committee (JTC) of MOC are responsible in evaluating and monitoring optometry/opticianry programme offered by the higher education provider in Malaysia, to ensure the programs are carried out in compliance with the standard set by Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA)-MOC. In 2019, three (3) meetings were held by JTC to evaluate and monitor optometry/opticianry programme.

Three (3) monitoring visits and one (1) full accreditation assessment was held throughout the year. Training for the panel of assessors was held from April 15 to 17, 2019 at the Corus Paradise Hotel, Port Dickson to ensure that all assessors has high credibility in conducting

accreditation assessments for higher education providers (HEPs). The list of recognized optometry/opticianry programme in Malaysia can be referred from MOC website, <http://www.moc.moh.gov.my>.

ETHICS AND COMPLAINTS

MOC through the Ethics Committee had resolved eight (8) complaints received against registered practitioners. Out of the 72 complaints received in 2019, 40 cases related to unregistered practitioners, 8 cases related to contact lens sold in non-optical premises and 6 cases complaint on the sale of eye medicines to treat eye diseases. A periodic monitoring is done in order to ensure the services provided by all optometry practitioners are of high quality and safe for the community.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

MOC received 155 applications for CPD point from programme provider; where 69 applications were received online through myCPD system. As for now, 1436 practitioners has been registered in myCPD system. A sharing session on myCPD system with all practitioners in Sabah was held on November 15, 2019.

QUALITY OBJECTIVE

Two (2) quality objectives has been set and achieved for 2019:

1. 98% APC issued in 14 working days from the date of the complete application received – 99.52% accomplished.
2. 90% letters related to accreditation programme that does not involved third party issued to MQA in two (2) weeks after JTC meeting – 100% accomplished

CONCLUSION

The Malaysian Optical Council (MOC) will always endeavor to regulate the optometry profession and protect the Rakyat by ensuring the best quality of eye healthcare provided by the optometry practitioners in Malaysia.