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Tēnā koe John

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 25 March 2026 for information regarding appointments to the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board. Please find a response to each part of your request below:

*“I noted, Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board- closed 23 March
May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call
for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*

The roles on the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board were advertised on the Ministry of Health Job website and on jobs.govt.nz.

A copy of your ad and pay rate as well.

Please find this enclosed as Document 3. The Ministry can confirm that Members of the Board are paid \$958.33 per month currently, as outlined in Document 2.

*Also, how many applications you have received for each of the role from the public
and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or
Ministry of women etc for your role.*

The Ministry received four applications from the public. Nominations were also sought from a variety of nominating agencies; however, no nominations were received in response to these requests.

*How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed.
Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the previous
appointee. I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information”*

A copy of an appointment letter from the 2025 Appointments to the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board is attached as Document 1. The appointments process is still under way. Therefore, information on the number of applicants who have been shortlisted and

interviewed and a current appointment letter is not yet available. The Ministry invites you to resubmit a request for information in the future once decisions regarding the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board have been finalised.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	October 2025	2025 Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board appointments letter	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of the natural persons
2	February 2026	TOR Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board	Released in full
3	9 - 22 March 2026	Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board advertisement 2026	Released in full