

**BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL**

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F(25)33

AND

RAHI MIAH (SD-10324)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

Take Notice that an Inquiry will be conducted in the above matter by the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council.

A substantive hearing will be proceeding:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will commence at **9:30am** on **Monday 20 April to Monday 27 April 2026** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to undertake training of **Rahi Miah** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

12 March 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Rahi Miah (SD-10324), a registered Student Dispensing Optician:

1. On 4 January 2023, while working at Specsavers Opticians, [redacted], you:
 - a. informed Patient A that the card machine was not working and asked her to make a cash payment for a pair of spectacles;
 - b. took a cash payment of approximately £60.00 from Patient A and:
 - i. failed to place the money into the till;
 - ii. concealed the money about your person;
 - iii. removed the money from the premises without authorisation to do so.
2. On 13 January 2023, you processed a refund of £60.00 through the till in relation to the transaction on 4 January 2023 claiming that you had made a mistake.
3. Your actions as set out at 1 above were dishonest in that you:
 - a. falsely informed Patient A that the cash machine was not working;
 - b. deliberately sought to retain the cash payment which you knew you were not entitled to.
4. Your actions as set out at 2 above were dishonest in that you sought to retrospectively account for the original transaction when you knew that you had deliberately retained the cash payment.

And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to undertake training is impaired by reason of misconduct.

Committee Members: Julia Wortley (Chair/Lay)
Diane Roskilly (Lay)
Nicola Enston (Lay)
Ian Taylor (Dispensing Optician)
Lesley Reid (Dispensing Optician)

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.