

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

IO(24)20

**THIRD INTERIM ORDER REVIEW
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
05 FEBRUARY 2026**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: James Rees

Registration number: D-14085

Professional status: Dispensing Optician

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 18 November 2024 for a period of 12 months.

On 14 April 2025, 22 September 2025 and 05 February 2026 the Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed the current order and determined to continue the current interim order of suspension.

The Committee noted that the substantive hearing in this matter is listed for 2 March 2026 and therefore makes no order for a further review. However, if the substantive hearing is not completed then a further extension from the High Court would need to be sought in due course.