

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

**IO(24)20**

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

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**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.