

BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

AND

YASMIN SALEEM (01-24600)

DETERMINATION SUMMARY OF A SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW

24 JULY 2026

PRIVATE HEARING

Committee Members	Clive Powell (Chair/Lay) Jackie Alexander (Lay) Ann McKenchin (Lay) Sarvat Fida (Optometrist) Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)
Legal Adviser	Peter Steel
Clinical Adviser	Dr Jenny Bearn
GOC Presenting Officer	Fiona McAddy
Registrant:	Present and unrepresented
Registrant representative:	N/A
Hearings Officer:	Terence Yates
Outcome	6 months conditional registration order *commences at the end of current suspension order on 4 September 2026

DETERMINATION

Background

1. The Registrant's registration was suspended for 3 months following a substantive hearing held on 30 April – 7 May 2026. The order is due to expire on 3 September 2026.

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Findings regarding impairment

2. The Committee found that the fitness of Yasmin Saleem to practise as an optometrist is impaired.

Sanction

3. The Committee determined that on expiry of the current order of suspension, the Registrant's registration should be subject to conditional registration for a period of 6 months.
4. A review hearing will be held between four and six weeks prior to the expiration of this order. The Review Committee will need to be satisfied that Ms. Saleem:
 - has complied with the conditions above,
 - has maintained her skills and knowledge, and
 - that Ms. Saleem's patients will not be placed at risk by resumption of practice or by the imposition of conditional registration.

Chair of the Committee: Clive Powell



Signature

Date: 24 July 2026

Registrant: Yasmin Saleem

Signature present and received in person

Date: 24 July 2026

CONDITIONS

1. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within two weeks of the date this order takes effect.
 - a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether or not in the UK (to include any locum agency).
 - b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.
 - c. The Chair of the Local Optical Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.
 - d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.
2. You must inform the GOC within two weeks if:
 - a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.
 - b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.
 - c. You cease working.

This information must include the contact details of your prospective employer/contractor and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.
3. You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC. A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:
 - a. Fulfil all CPD requirements; or
 - b. Renew your registration annually.

4. [Redacted]

NOTICE TO REGISTRANT

The GOC will enter these conditions against your name in the register save for any conditions that disclose information about your health.

In accordance with Section 13C(3) of the Opticians Act 1989, the GOC may disclose to any person any information relating to your fitness to practise in the public interest.

In accordance with Section 13B(1) of the Opticians Act 1989, the GOC may require any person, including your learning/workplace supervisor or professional colleague, to supply any information or document relevant to its statutory functions.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Transcript
A full transcript of the hearing will be made available for purchase in due course.
Appeal
Any appeal against an order of the Committee must be lodged with the relevant court within 28 days of the service of this notification. If no appeal is lodged, the order will take effect at the end of that period. The relevant court is shown at section 23G(4)(a)-(c) of the Opticians Act 1989 (as amended).
Professional Standards Authority
This decision will be reported to the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) under the provisions of section 29 of the NHS Reform and Healthcare Professions Act 2002. PSA may refer this case to the High Court of Justice in England and Wales, the Court of Session in Scotland or the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland as appropriate if they decide that a decision has been insufficient to protect the public and/or should not have been made, and if they consider that referral is desirable for the protection of the public. Where a registrant can appeal against a decision, the Authority has 40 days beginning with the day which is the last day in which you can appeal. Where a registrant cannot appeal against the outcome of a hearing, the Authority's appeal period is 56 days beginning with the day in which notification of the decision was served on you. PSA will notify you promptly of a decision to refer. A letter will be sent by recorded delivery to your registered address (unless PSA has been notified by the GOC of a change of address). Further information about the PSA can be obtained from its website at www.professionalstandards.org.uk or by telephone on 020 7389 8030.
Effect of orders for suspension or erasure
To practise or carry on business as an optometrist or dispensing optician, to take or use a description which implies registration or entitlement to undertake any activity which the law restricts to a registered person, may amount to a criminal offence once an entry in the register has been suspended or erased.
Contact
If you require any further information, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at Level 29, One Canada Square, London, E14 5AA or by telephone, on 020 7580 3898.