

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

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F(25)08

AND

YASMIN SALEEM (01-24600)

**DETERMINATION OF A SUBSTANTIVE HEARING
30 APRIL - 07 MAY 2026
PRIVATE HEARING**

Committee Members:	Julia Wortley (Chair/Lay) Mark McLaren (Lay) Nigel Pilkington (Lay) Iftab Akram (Optometrist) Daniel Goh (Optometrist)
Clinical adviser:	Dr Jenny Bearn
Legal adviser:	Mr Mark Ruffell
GOC Presenting Officer:	Ms Vida Simpeh
Registrant present/represented:	Miss Saleem present. Not represented
Registrant representative:	N/A
Hearings Officer:	Ms Bernice Yeboah
Facts found proved:	Yes
Facts not found proved:	N/A
Misconduct:	N/A
Impairment:	Impaired
Sanction:	3 month suspension order with review
Immediate order:	Yes

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Miss Yasmin Saleem (01-24600), a registered optometrist:

1. [redacted].

And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of [redacted].

[redacted]

DETERMINATION

Admissions in relation to the particulars of the allegation

The Registrant made no admissions to any particulars of the allegation.

Findings in relation to the facts

The Committee found all particulars proved.

Findings regarding impairment

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

Sanction

The Committee determined the sanction of suspension for a period of 3 months, with a review hearing to take place before the period of suspension expires.

Immediate order

The Committee has decided to impose an immediate suspension order.

The Committee determined, that in the light of its findings in this case and the Sanction that it had imposed, it considered that an Immediate Order was necessary to protect the public and in the public interest.

Revocation of interim order

The Committee hereby revokes the interim order for conditional registration that was imposed on 15 January 2026.

Chair of the Committee: Julia Wortley

Signature  **Date:** Thursday 7th May 2026

Registrant: Yasmin Saleem

Signature ...Sent to the Registrant via email ... **Date:** Thursday 7th May 2026

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
<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Further information about the PSA can be obtained from its website at www.professionalstandards.org.uk or by telephone on 020 7389 8030.</p>
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.