

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
03 JUNE 2026**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Andrew Matheson

Registration number: 01-17378

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 03 June 2026 for a period of 18 months.

The order will be further reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

- 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 Optometric 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:

- a. In consultation with the Chair of your Local Optometric Committee or a workplace supervisor/professional colleague, identify an independent assessor who is sufficiently experienced in IPL treatment and the treatment of glaucoma, and who is willing to review a random selection of your patient records.
- b. Ask the GOC to approve the independent assessor within four weeks of the date this order takes effect.
- c. Identify another independent assessor if the GOC does not agree to the individual nominated by you to be the independent assessor.
- d. Arrange for the assessor to review twenty randomly selected patient records per month, beginning within two months of these conditions taking effect.
- e. At least one month before the next review hearing, provide the GOC with a written report from the independent assessor, setting out their views on the quality of the records he reviewed.