

Vacancies on the GOC Investigation Committee

The Vacancies

We are seeking one lay member and one optometrist member for the Investigation Committee.

About the GOC

We are the regulator for the optical professions in the UK. Our purpose is to protect the public by promoting high standards of education, performance and conduct. For more information about us please visit our website: www.optical.org

About the Investigation Committee

Members of the Investigation Committee consider allegations that a registrant may not be fit to practise (where case examiners cannot agree) as well as referrals from case examiners for an assessment of the registrant's health or performance. Members of the Investigation Committee act as key decision makers for cases at the investigation stage of the fitness to practise process.

The workload for the Investigation Committee is relatively low, there being on average approximately four meetings per year to consider several cases at each meeting. Investigation Committee meetings currently take place remotely via Microsoft Teams.

The initial tenure for both roles will be four years with the possibility of reappointment subject to satisfactory appraisal.

The Investigation Committee comprises registrant and lay members with different backgrounds, skills, knowledge and experience.

Our mission is to protect the public by upholding high standards in the optical professions and our Investigations Committee is at the centre of helping us to achieve that. We are on the look-out for talented and passionate people and we welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds.

Remuneration and Time Commitment

Members are paid a daily fee of £319 (effective from 1 April 2022). This fee is taxable and subject to Class 1 National Insurance (NI) contributions. It is not pensionable. This is in line with our [member fees policy and schedule](#).

Members can claim expenses, at rates set centrally, for travel and subsistence costs incurred on Council business as set out in our [expenses policy](#).

This role is part-time with a commitment of approximately ten days per year, including around four meetings a year and time spent preparing for meetings. Meetings take place

via MS Teams.

How to Apply

Please apply with the following:

- your CV outlining your employment history, any relevant voluntary work, public service or other experience; together with any relevant professional, academic or vocational qualifications;
- [the application form](#), stating how your experience matches the essential and desirable criteria for the vacancy you are applying for; and
- an EDI monitoring form [here](#).

We would welcome applications from individuals who are disabled and from diverse ethnic backgrounds, as these are currently under-represented on our Council and committees.

For more information about these roles, please download the [candidate information pack](#).

Application deadline: midnight on Sunday 16 July 2023.

Online interviews will be held in the weeks commencing 14 August 2023 and 21 August 2023.

If you have any questions, please email them to appointment@optical.org and we will aim to respond to you within 48 hours.

We strive to be as diverse as the public we protect and welcome applications from everyone, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity and geographical locations outside of London.