

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
18 JULY 2023**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Arif Ali

Registration number: 01-23127

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 18 July 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:

The Committee decided there were workable conditions that could be formulated that would adequately protect the public and the wider public interest and were in the interests of the Registrant (you). As such, it has determined that the following conditions are proportionate and appropriate:

1. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within seven days 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. Chairman 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 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 inform the GOC within 7 days, if you become aware of any criminal investigation or any formal disciplinary proceedings taken against you.
4. You must inform the GOC within 7 days of any complaint made against you, from the date of this determination.
5. You must inform the GOC within 7 days from the date of application, if you apply for optical employment outside the UK.
6. 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 Continuing Professional Development requirements; or
 - b. Renew your registration annually.
7. At any time you are employed, or providing optical services, which require you to be registered with the GOC, you must place yourself and remain under the close supervision* of a workplace supervisor nominated by you, and agreed by the GOC. The workplace supervisor shall be a GOC registrant in the same category of the register as you.
8. You must not continue to practise until these arrangements have been approved by the GOC.
9. You must provide the workplace supervisor with a copy of this determination immediately after the supervisor has been approved by the GOC. Evidence that this information has been provided to the workplace supervisor must be forwarded to the GOC within 7 days of disclosure.
10. You must allow the GOC to exchange information with your workplace supervisor.

11. You must provide a report from your workplace supervisor to the GOC every 2 months and at least 14 days prior to any review. The report will address the following areas:
 - Record keeping
 - any concerns regarding your conduct at work
12. You must maintain logs, which must be signed by your workplace supervisor, of your:
 - Record keeping and
 - your conduct at work in particular regarding the use of [redacted].
13. You must provide copies of logs to the GOC every 2 months and at least 14 days prior to any review hearing.
14. You must:-
 - a. Put yourself, and stay, under the [redacted]
 - b. Attend appointments as arranged.
 - c. Follow their advice.
 - d. Follow their recommended treatment.
 - e. Inform your [redacted] that your GOC registration is subject to conditions, and provide him/her with a copy of these conditions.
 - f. Inform the GOC of the contact details of your [redacted] within seven days of these conditions taking effect.
 - g. Arrange for the GOC to receive reports from your [redacted] every two months or when the GOC asks for them.
 - h. Keep your professional commitments under review and limit your practice in accordance with your [redacted] advice, including ceasing all practice if so advised.
15. [redacted]
16. [redacted]
17. [redacted]
18. You must not undertake any locum work unless agreed in advance by your workplace supervisor and the Registrar of the GOC .

**Your day to day work must be supervised by a person who is registered with the GOC in your category of the register or above and who must be on site and available at all times. As a minimum, your work must be reviewed at least once a week by the supervisor via a one-to-one meeting and case-based discussion. These weekly*

meetings must be focused on all areas of concern identified by the conditions. These meetings must take place face to face.