

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

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**F(23)35**

**AND**

**MOHAMMED WAHEED ZADA (01-28961)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
RESUMPTION OF SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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Take notice that an inquiry will be continued in the above matter by the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council.

**Remotely**

The substantive hearing will resume at **9:30am** on **Tuesday 13 February 2024** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

**You have the right to attend the hearing and be represented in accordance with rule 21 of the Fitness to Practise Rules 2013.**

If you do not attend and are not represented at the hearing, the Fitness to Practise Committee may nevertheless proceed if the conditions set out in Rule 22 are satisfied. An application will be made for the hearing to proceed in your absence. That could lead to action being taken against your registration without you having the opportunity to address the Committee. The Committee has the power to take a number of actions against your registration, namely, to fine you, to suspend you from **practising**, to place conditions on your registration or to erase you from the register.

You also have the right to adduce evidence in accordance with Rule 46 and to call and cross-examine any witnesses.

The Committee's powers of disposal are set out in sections 13F to 13I.

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Euan Napier  
Operations Manager, Hearings, General Optical Council

**5 January 2024**

## **ALLEGATION**

The Council alleges that you, Mohammed Waheed Zada (01-28961), a registered optometrist:

1. In or around May 2020 to May 2021, you carried out your duties as an Optometrist without having adequate professional indemnity insurance; and/or
2. In January 2021 you completed the GOC retention form online and inserted your Association of Optometrists (AOP) membership number from a previous year, to show you had adequate professional indemnity insurance, when you did not have the cover for that period. ; and/or
3. Your actions at (1) and (2) above were dishonest in that:
  - a. You knew you were not insured to carry out your duties as an Optometrist.
  - b. You knew you, did not have adequate professional indemnity insurance when you completed your GOC retention form.

And by virtue of the facts set out above your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.

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**Committee Members:**

Jayne Wheat (Chair)  
Amanda Webster (Lay)  
Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)  
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)  
Amritpreet Basra (Optometrist)

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at [hearings@optical.org](mailto:hearings@optical.org).