

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

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**FIRST INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
11 JUNE 2024**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Raees Ishtiaq

**Registration number:** 01-32625

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 12 January 2024 for a period of 18 months.

On the 11 June 2024 the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to maintain and continue the current interim order of conditions.

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.

**LIST OF CONDITIONS**

<p>A1.1 Informing others</p>	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.</li> <li>c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.</li> <li>d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.</li> </ol>
<p>A1.2 Employment and work</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.</li> <li>b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.</li> <li>c. You cease working.</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>
<p>A1.3 Supervision of Conditions</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify a workplace supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with numbers A1.3 (b) to (g) of these conditions.</li> <li>b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor within two weeks of the date this order takes effect. If you are not employed, you must ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work.</li> <li>c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor.</li> <li>d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions.</li> <li>e. You must maintain logs of all the patients you have examined and arrange for your workplace supervisor to</li> </ol>

	<p>randomly select and review a minimum of five case records per week from your consultations for discussion with you. These discussion meetings must take place on a weekly basis and be held face-to-face. During these meetings you should discuss the following with your supervisor,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. in relation to examining each patient's external and internal eyes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• which clinical tests were conducted,</li> <li>• why these clinical tests were chosen over other alternatives,</li> <li>• how your clinical records support the outcomes from these clinical tests,</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. in relation to assessing any patient's binocular vision anomaly (where relevant): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clinical details about what the binocular vision anomaly is,</li> <li>• which clinical tests were conducted,</li> <li>• why these clinical tests were chosen over other alternatives,</li> <li>• how your clinical records support the outcomes from these clinical tests,</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. in relation to evaluating any patient's contact lens wear history and symptoms (where relevant): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what questions you asked the patient,</li> <li>• how your clinical records support your patient's response.</li> </ul> </li> <li>f. You must provide a report from your workplace supervisor to the GOC every 3 months and at least 14 days prior to any review. The report will address the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the standard of your recordkeeping in relation to evaluating contact lens wear history and symptoms,</li> <li>• the clinical tests you have conducted to assess binocular vision anomalies and your recording of these tests,</li> <li>• the clinical tests you have conducted to examine your patients' external and internal eyes and your recording of these tests,</li> <li>• any areas of concern raised regarding your general clinical assessment of patients and/or your clinical recordkeeping.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>g. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.</p>
<p>A1.4 Other proceedings</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>
<p>A1.5 Registration requirements</p>	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</p> <p>A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fulfil all CPD requirements; or</li> <li>b. Renew your registration annually.</li> </ul>
<p>A4.1 Restriction on practice</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Not undertake work as a locum, except at the Store A, and Store B branches of Specsavers, unless a workplace supervisor is identified at any further practice. Such supervision must be undertaken in accordance with conditions A1.3 (a) to (g).</li> </ul>