

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

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F(22)03

AND

NASEEM SULEMAN (SD-7278)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
REMITTED SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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

A substantive hearing will be proceeding:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **Monday 03 June 2024 – Friday 14 June 2024** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to undertake training of **Naseem Suleman** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Louise Hall
Operations Manager (Hearings), General Optical Council

1 March 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Miss Naseem Suleman (SD-7278), a registered student dispensing optician:

1. On or around 8 September 2019 at [redacted] Specsavers Limited [Branch 1], you carried out restricted activities as a dispensing optician whilst unregistered, contrary to section 25(1) and/or 27(1) of the Opticians Act 1989; to
 - a. Patient 1.
2. On or around 15 September 2019 at [redacted] Specsavers Limited [Branch 1], you carried out restricted activities as a dispensing optician whilst unregistered, contrary to section 25(1) and/or 27(1) of the Opticians Act 1989;
 - a. Patient 2; and/or
 - b. Patient 3; and/or
 - c. Patient 4; and/or
3. On or around 14 September 2019 at [redacted] Specsavers Limited [Branch 2], you carried out restricted activities as a dispensing optician whilst unregistered to Patient 7, contrary to section 25(1) and/or 27(1) of the Opticians Act 1989
4. On or around 8 September 2019, you provided [redacted] Specsavers Limited [Branch 1] with the registration number 'D-19364' despite knowing that this was not your temporary registration number given to you by the GOC.
5. On or around 14 September 2019, you provided [redacted] Specsavers Limited [Branch 2] with the registration number 'D-17337' despite knowing that this was not your temporary registration number given to you by the GOC.
6. Your conduct at (4) and/or (5) above was inappropriate in that:
 - a. you knew that you had given [Branch 1] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician;
 - b. you knew that you had given [Branch 2] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician.
7. Your conduct at (4) and/or (5) above was misleading in that:
 - a. you knew that you had given [Branch 1] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician;
 - b. you knew that you had given [Branch 2] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician.
8. Your conduct at (4) and/or (5) above was dishonest in that:

- a. *you attempted to deceive [Branch 1] by submitting a different registration number to appear as a fully qualified Dispensing Optician when you were not;*
- b. *you attempted to deceive [Branch 2] by submitting a different registration number to appear as a fully qualified Dispensing Optician when you were not.*

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

Committee Members: Graham White (Chair)
Ben Summerskill (Lay)
Nigel Pilkington Lay)
Tracey Fellows (Dispensing Optician)
Jill Perry (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser: Jennifer Ferrario

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