

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

**IO(24)11**

**FIRST INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
21 AUGUST 2024**

**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Abdul Khan

**Registration number:** 01-30126

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 11 April 2024 for a period of 18 months. This was reviewed and continued with variations on 21 August 2024.

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**

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| <p>A1.1</p> <p>Informing others</p> | <p>You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within 7 days of the date this order takes effect.</p> <ul 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> </ul> |
| <p>A1.2</p>                         | <p>You must inform the GOC within two weeks if:</p> <ul 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</li> </ul>  |



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| <p>Employment and work</p>                | <p>services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul> <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<br/>Supervision of Conditions</p> | <p>At any time that you are employed, or providing optical services that require you to be registered with the GOC, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify a workplace supervisor who is prepared to monitor your compliance with paragraph A1.3 of these conditions. The supervisor is not required to be on site with you at all times but must be contactable when you are practising, and they must be a registered Optometrist.</li> <li>b. Ask the GOC to approve any change of your workplace supervisor. You must not continue to practise until these arrangements have been approved by the GOC. 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. You must allow the GOC to exchange information with your workplace supervisor.</li> <li>e. You must maintain comprehensive logs of all patients seen (patient logs), to include the date of appointment, year of patient's birth, nature of the appointment, tests carried out and any referrals made.</li> <li>f. At least once a week meet your supervisor to review compliance with your conditions generally and in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Your record keeping</li> <li>ii) Your conduct and any concerns regarding your assessment of patients.</li> <li>iii) You must demonstrate to your supervisor that</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |



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|                                   | <p>you are conducting internal and external eye examinations by for example cross referencing your patient records with your patient logs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv) You must ensure that the IOP's and Family history of each patient is recorded.</li> <li>v) Where IOPs are either over 22, or there is previous family history of glaucoma, or any other presenting risk factors for glaucoma, to ensure that a visual fields test undertaken, and that the patient's notes are reviewed in the weekly meeting with your supervisor.</li> </ul> <p>g. You must provide the patient logs to your supervisor to allow him to randomly select and review at least five individual records per week from your consultations. This review of at least five individual records must include the use of a record keeping audit, using a standardised audit template.</p> <p>h. At least every two months or upon request of the GOC, and at least 14 days prior to any Review hearing, you must provide a written report from your supervisor to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Your record keeping (including the record keeping audits referred to at g. above).</li> <li>ii) Your conduct and any concerns regarding your assessment of patients.</li> <li>iii) To include the date and time of supervisor meetings, the length of meetings, and a summary of what was discussed.</li> </ul> <p>i. At least every two months or upon request of the GOC, and at least 14 days prior to any Review hearing, you must provide the patient logs to the GOC.</p> <p>j. 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>k. 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.</p> |
| <p>A1.4<br/>Other proceedings</p> | <p>You must inform the GOC within 7 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>   |



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| <p>A1.5<br/>Registration requirements</p> | <p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.<br/>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></ul> <p>Renew your registration annually.</p> |
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