

# Vacancies on the GOC's Council

## The vacancies

We are seeking to recruit two new Council members:

- **One Lay member with expertise in audit, risk and finance**
- **One Registrant member who will be a dispensing optician**

## About the GOC

We are the regulator for the optical professions in the UK. Our purpose is to protect the public by promoting high standards of education, performance and conduct. For more information about us please visit our [website](#).

## About the Council

The role of Council is to lead on the GOC's mission to protect and promote the health and safety of the public and patients; as well as maintaining public confidence in the professions. The Council is composed of six lay members (including the Chair) and six registrant members (i.e. registered optometrists and dispensing opticians). At least one member of the Council must work wholly or mainly in each of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. One Council member acts as a Senior Council Member whose role is to carry out the Chair's appraisal, provide a sounding board for the Chair and serve as an intermediary for Council members, Executive and stakeholders as necessary.

The successful candidates will contribute to Council by, exercising oversight, ensuring effective corporate governance, and making high-level policy decisions. They will be able to operate strategically and impartially, listen, communicate, and influence effectively, exercise judgment, and inspire confidence and support amongst our stakeholders.

## Remuneration and time commitment

Council members are remunerated in accordance with our [member fees policy](#) (£13,962 per annum plus reasonable travel and subsistence expenses). The member fee includes time for reading and preparation.

The appointed member will be expected to commit approximately 2-3 days per month. Meetings will usually take place via MS Teams but may on occasion be held at the GOC Offices at 10 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7NG or other suitable venues.

## How to apply

Please apply with your CV and a statement of no more than two sides of A4 indicating how you meet the person specification. When submitting your application, you will also be asked to complete an [equality, diversity and inclusion \(EDI\) monitoring form](#).

We would welcome applications from individuals who are disabled and from diverse ethnic backgrounds as these are currently under-represented on our council and committees.

For more information about these roles, please download the [candidate information pack](#).

**Application deadline: midnight on Sunday 2 October 2022.**

Online interviews will be held on Monday 7 and Thursday 10 November 2022.

If you have any questions, please email them to [appointment@optical.org](mailto:appointment@optical.org) and we will aim to respond to you within 48 hours.

We strive to be as diverse as the public we protect and welcome applications from everyone, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity and geographical locations outside of London.