

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

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**F(23)09**

**AND**

**ANAND THAKRAR (01-30584)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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:

**Blended hearing**

This means part of the hearing will be held physically in person and part of the hearing will be held remotely via video conference facilities.

The substantive hearing will take place on:

Physically – **Tuesday 29 August – Thursday 31 August 2023 at 10 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7NG**

Remotely – **Friday 01 September – Wednesday 06 September 2023 via MS Teams**

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

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Vineeta Desai  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council  
22 March 2023

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Anand Thakrar (01-30584), a registered optometrist, whilst working at Specsavers [redacted]:

- 1) On 4 October 2021 you dishonestly applied a store discount to patient A's dispense in addition to a 50% immediate family discount contrary to the Team [redacted] discount and benefits policy.
- 2) On 19 October 2021 you dishonestly applied a store discount to patient B's dispense in addition to a 50% immediate family discount contrary to the Team [redacted] discount and benefits policy.
- 3) You created a false sight test appointment and sight test record for patient B for 19 October 2021 when you knew no sight test had been conducted on 19 October 2021 for patient B.

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:** Hermione McEwen (Chair)  
Sarah Hamilton (Lay) TBC  
Vivienne Geary (Lay)  
Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)  
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** Graeme Dagleish

**Hearings Officer:** TBC

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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).