

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

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F(21)20

AND

KHAIRUL RAHMAN (01-27474)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
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:

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 – **16 August 2022, at the GOC at 9:30am.**

Remotely – **15 and 17-26 August 2022**

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

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

31 March 2022

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Khairul Rahman (01-27474), a registered optometrist:

1. Between 05 October 2015 and 05 September 2016, and while working as [redacted] Specsavers, you arranged for [redacted] to be paid £32,400 by Specsavers for her work as a locum optometrist;
2. Between 19 April 2015 and 1 November 2016, you claimed the expenses as set out in Schedule A from Specsavers on the basis that they were legitimate business expenses;
3. Between 19 May 2015 and 08 August 2016, you made purchases as set out in Schedule B using your Specsavers company credit card;
4. Between 01 January 2016 and 01 August 2016, you claimed the expenses as set out in Schedule C from Specsavers for expenses that you purported to have incurred through payments to [redacted];
5. You claimed the expenses as set out at Allegation 4 by sending receipts to Specsavers purporting to be drafted by [redacted] but which in fact you had drafted yourself;
6. On 29 July 2016, you signed a receipt that stated "I Khairul acknowledge that the laptop in question serial number [redacted] belongs to and is owned personally by Mr X and has been paid off in full to the amount of £772.80 and was not purchased on the business accounts...";
7. Your conduct was dishonest in that:
 - a. In respect of Allegation 1, you knew [redacted] had not worked the required number of hours at [redacted] Specsavers to justify the total payment of £32,400 that you arranged for her;
 - b. In respect of Allegation 2, you claimed the expenses knowing that they were for your personal benefit and were not legitimate business expenses;
 - c. In respect of Allegation 3, you made these purchases knowing that they were for your personal benefit and were not legitimate business purchases;
 - d. In respect of Allegation 4, you claimed these expenses knowing that you had never incurred such expenses through payments to [redacted];
 - e. In respect of Allegation 5, you falsified receipts in order to mislead Specsavers into concluding that you had incurred legitimate expenses through payments to [redacted];
 - f. In respect of Allegation 6, you signed the receipt knowing that you had bought the laptop in question and claimed its cost as a business expense;

And that by reason of the matters alleged above your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.

Schedules:
[redacted]

Committee Members: TBC (Lay)
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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.