

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
09 JULY 2024**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Mohammad Saif

**Registration number:** 01-35525

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 09 July 2024 for a period of 12 months.

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.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

1.	You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within seven days of the date this order takes effect. 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). b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK. c. Any locum agency or out of hours service that you are registered with, whether or not in the UK. d. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services. e. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.
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<p>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 services.</li> <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>3.</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC within 7 days of any complaint made against you, from the date of this determination.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</p> <p>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 Continuing Professional Development requirements; or</li> <li>b. Renew your registration annually. You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</li> </ul>

6.	<p>You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Whether working as a Locum or otherwise or providing optical services which require you to be registered with the GOC, identify a supervisor/s who will be prepared to monitor your compliance with these conditions. You may decide to have one supervisor to carry out direct supervision and a different supervisor to carry out reviews of patient records.</li><li>b. Your Supervisor(s) must,<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Directly supervise two eye examination appointments within every 14 day period, and discuss these with you.</li><li>(ii) Select ten random patient records to review within a 14 day period and discuss the reviews with you whether in person or remotely. Your discussions should focus on your ability to conduct an adequate assessment of your patient; analyse patient data when carrying out examinations; the proper recording of information in patient records and referral pathways.</li></ol></li><li>c. Ensure that a supervisor is contactable at all times when you are practising.</li><li>d. At least every three months and before the next review hearing or upon request by the GOC, submit a written report from each of your supervisors (if more than one) to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions they are monitoring. The report will address the following areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of the concerns raised by Dr Kwartz in her report of the 24 June 2024.</li><li>• Conducting an adequate assessment of your patients</li><li>• Analysing data.</li><li>• Accurate record keeping.</li><li>• Correct referral pathways.</li></ul></li><li>e. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor(s) and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.</li></ol>
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7.	You must not continue to practise until these arrangements have been approved by the GOC.
8.	You must provide the supervisor(s) with a copy of this determination immediately after the supervisor(s) has/have been approved by the GOC. Evidence that this information has been provided to the supervisor(s) must be forwarded to the GOC within 7 days of disclosure.
9.	You must allow the GOC to exchange information with your workplace supervisor.