

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION DETERMINATION SUMMARY
22 AUGUST 2024**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Siddique Chowdhury

Registration number: 01-42508

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 22 August 2024 for a period of 18 months.

The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to revoke the current interim order.

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:

<p>A1.1 Informing others</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether 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. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services. d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.
<p>A1.2</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if:</p>

<p>Employment and work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services. b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK. c. You cease working. <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 Supervision of Conditions</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whether working as a Locum or providing optical services which require you to be registered with the GOC, identify a workplace supervisor who will be prepared to monitor your compliance with these conditions. b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor. If you are not employed, you must ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work. c. 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. d. Place yourself under the supervision of the approved supervisor and remain under their supervision for the duration of these conditions. e. Arrange for your supervisor to directly observe you performing sight tests on 5 patients selected by your supervisor per week and to complete a log for each observed patient. The log must include information relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adequacy of sight tests ii. Completion of an accurate and contemporaneous record card iii. Taking and recording accurate and thorough history including symptoms

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Accurate recording of the actual tests, examinations performed, and results obtained f. At least once a month, you must meet with your supervisor to review compliance with your conditions. g. At least every 3 calendar months, before the next review hearing or upon request by the GOC, submit a written report from your supervisor 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"> i. Accurate record keeping; ii. Conducting an adequate assessment of your patients, including ensuring that all appropriate testing has been completed; iii. Professional behaviour h. You must allow the GOC to exchange information with your supervisor.
<p>A1.4 Other proceedings</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>A1.5 Registration requirements</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"> a. Fulfil all Continuing Professional Development requirements; or b. Renew your registration annually.