**Council member: Application Form (ref GOC02/24)**

Thank you for deciding to apply to be a lay member on our Council. Before starting your application please ensure that you have read the Candidate Information Pack which is [**available on our website**](https://optical.org/en/publications/lay-council-members-candidate-pack-and-application-form/).

If you have any questions regarding your application or the role, please contact the GOC Appointments Team: appointment@optical.org

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| **COMPETENCY STATEMENTS** |

Please indicate how you meet each of the essential competencies for the role as set out in the Candidate Information Pack. It is important you use examples based upon real situations, describe the task you had to achieve, outline the action you took and identify the result of your action(s). If necessary, you may use the same evidence or example against more than one competency.

**This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the appointment panel that you have the skills and experience to meet the competencies. The appointment panel will use the information provided in this section to determine whether or not to invite you to interview.**

Each competency has a maximum 300-word limit. **DO NOT** leave an answer box blank. By leaving it blank you indicate that you do not (or cannot) meet the competency. **ALL** applicants are expected to provide examples for each competency in this section.

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| **ESSENTIAL (E1):** Demonstrable interest in upholding the public’s confidence in the professions and businesses we regulate and the maintenance of high professional standards. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E2):** Ability to act strategically and understand the broader context of decisions and consider long-term and big-picture perspectives when formulating plans and making decisions consistent with the GOC’s overall strategic direction and legislative framework. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E3):** Ability to listen, communicate and influence effectively. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E4):** Ability to analyse and evaluate large volumes of detailed written and oralinformation to make a recommendation, formulate advice and reach a collective decision. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E5):** Demonstrable, active engagement in respect to equality, diversity and inclusion; able to evidence how individual and collective actions make a difference to progressing the equality agenda. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E6):** Ability to participate constructively in active debate and decision-making, exercising logical argument, sound judgement and use evidence to build consensus within a multi-disciplinary group or committee. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E7):** Understanding of professional regulation and charity management and its impact on public protection. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E8):**  Specialist expertise or leadership experience, preferably in an organisation of a comparable size and complexity in a related field. For example, in patient and public safety, advocacy or research; in a regulated industry in the public, charitable or private sectors; in higher or further education; in NHS service delivery, etc. |
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Please return this application form, alongside your CV and EDI form by email to: appointment@optical.org (quoting reference GOC02/24). **To ensure our IT systems can open your application safely, please ONLY send in Microsoft Word or PDF format.**

Once you have submitted your application, we will acknowledge safe receipt within two working days.