

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

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F(23)35

AND

MOHAMMED WAHEED ZADA (01-28961)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
RESUMING 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.

Remotely

The substantive hearing will resume at **9:30am** on **Tuesday 7 May 2024** and **Friday 10 May 2024** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

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

The Committee's powers of disposal are set out in sections 13F to 13I.

Louise Hall
Operations Manager (Hearings), General Optical Council

27 March 2024

Ms Halema Begum
General Optical Council

Mr Mohammed Waheed Zada (01-28961)
The Registrant

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mohammed Waheed Zada (01-28961), a registered optometrist:

1. In or around May 2020 to May 2021, you carried out your duties as an Optometrist without having adequate professional indemnity insurance; and/or
2. In January 2021 you completed the GOC retention form online and inserted your Association of Optometrists (AOP) membership number from a previous year, to show you had adequate professional indemnity insurance, when you did not have the cover for that period: and/or
3. Your actions at (1) and (2) above were dishonest in that:
 - a. You knew you were not insured to carry out your duties as an Optometrist.
 - b. You knew you did not have adequate professional indemnity insurance when you completed your GOC retention form.

And by virtue of the facts set out above your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.

Committee Members: Jayne Wheat (Chair)
Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)

Clinical Adviser: Desmond Dunleavy

Legal Adviser: Aaminah Khan

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.