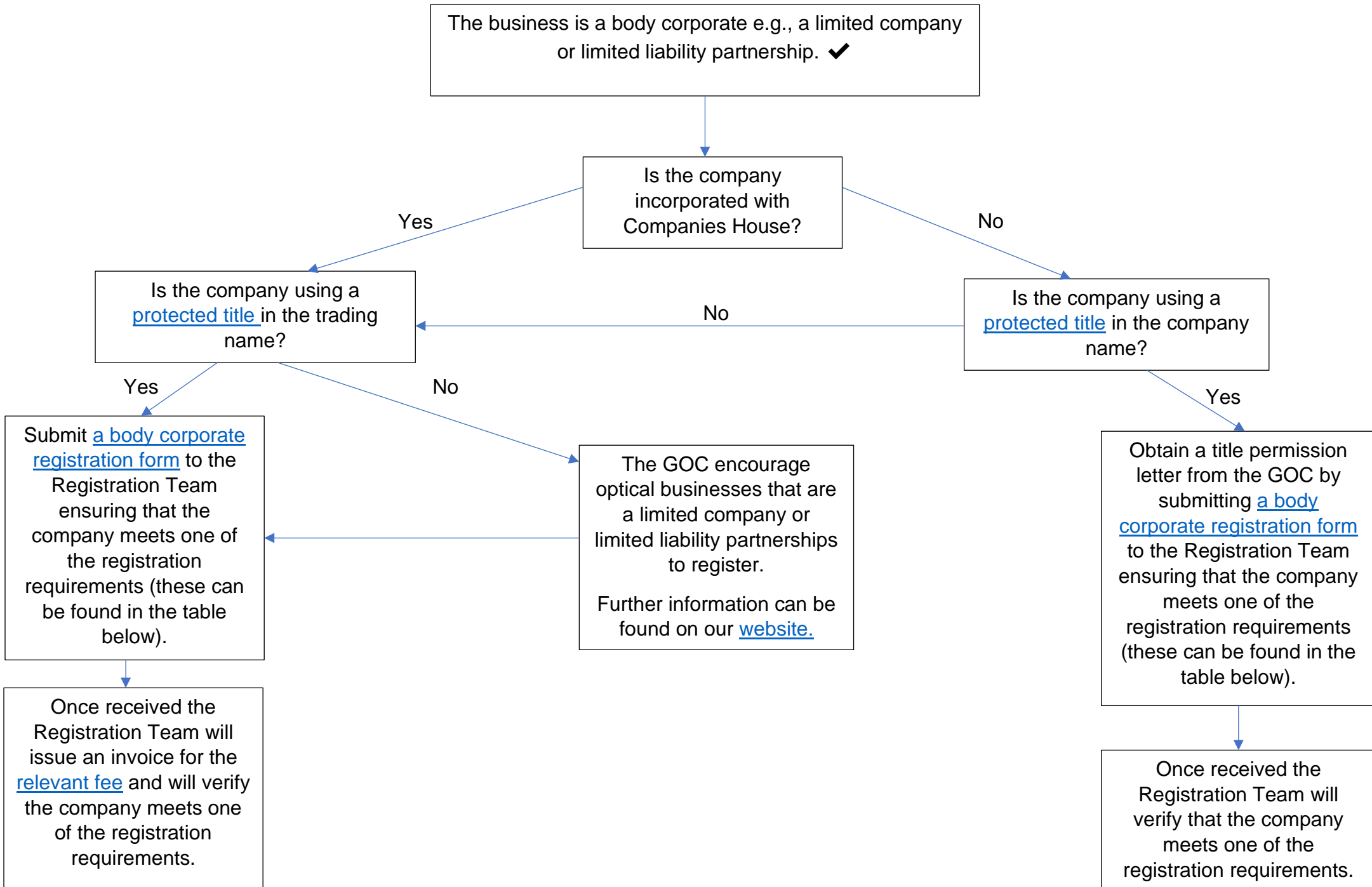


BODY CORPORATE REGISTRATION PROCESS



Once payment has been received and GOC checks completed the company will be registered and required to meet the [GOC standards for businesses](#).

Registration Requirements:

The most common requirement that companies meet to register with the GOC is one of the following under the Opticians Act 1989:

Section 9(2)(a): The majority of the directors (over 50%) are registered optometrists or registered dispensing opticians.

This will be verified by checking the directorship structure on Companies House.

Section 9(2)(c): (i) The greater part of the applicant's business consists of activities other than the testing of sight and fitting and supply of optical appliances; and (ii) that so much of its business as consists of the testing of sight is carried on under the management of a registered optometrist; and (iii) that so much of its business as consists of the fitting and supply of optical appliances is carried on under the management of a registered optometrist or registered dispensing optician.

This will be verified by reviewing the "[Qualification under Section 9\(2\)\(c\) of the Opticians Act 1989](#)" form and ensuring:

- It is certified by a chartered, incorporated, or certified accountant.
- The individuals listed on the application as those in charge of the testing of sight or fitting and supply of optical appliances must be registered individually with the GOC.
- Ensuring that "Fees for work as ophthalmic opticians or dispensing opticians, and receipts for optical appliances designed to correct, relieve or remedy a defect of sight, were together [not more than] * 49 per cent of the total receipts of the body corporates for sales and services in the year."

You can also register with the GOC if your company meets one of the following:

Section 9(2)(b): The applicant was included in a health service ophthalmic list on 20.11.1957

Section 9(2)(d): The applicant is an Industrial & Provident Society and the testing of sight is carried on under the management of a registered optometrist and the fitting and supply of optical appliances is carried on under the management of a registered optometrist or dispensing optician.

Once confirmed, a title permission letter will be issued to the company.

The title permission letter is sent by the company to Companies House who will incorporate the business.

Once incorporated, notify the GOC who will issue an invoice for the [relevant fee](#).

Once payment has been received and GOC checks completed the company will be registered and required to meet the [GOC standards for businesses](#).