

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

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**F(12)06**

**AND**

**TALHA HASSAN (SO-3937)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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Take notice that an inquiry will be conducted in the above matter by the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council. A procedural hearing leading directly, by agreement of the parties, to a substantive hearing will be conducted at the **General Optical Council, 41 Harley Street, London, W1G 8DJ** and will commence at **09:30 hrs on Thursday, 15 March 2012**.

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

You have the right to attend the hearing and be represented in accordance with rule 20 of the Fitness to Practise Rules 2005.

If you do not attend and are not represented at the hearing, the Fitness to Practise Committee may nevertheless proceed if the conditions set out in Rule 21 are satisfied.

Under Rule 31 the Committee may, if the parties agree, proceed to a substantive hearing immediately following the procedural hearing.

You also have the right to adduce evidence in accordance with Rule 46 and to call and cross-examine witnesses.

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

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David Henley BEM  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

6 February 2012

To:  
Mr C Whalley, Kingsley Napley  
Solicitors for the Council

The Association of Optometrists of 2 Woodbridge St, London, EC1R 0DG  
Solicitors for the registrant

Mr T Hassan (SO-3937)  
Registrant

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Talha Hassan, a registered Student Optometrist:

1. Received a police caution from the Metropolitan Police On 23 January 2009 for Fraud by False Representation contrary to sections 1 and 2 of the Fraud Act 2006;
2. Failed to declare that you received a police caution on 23 January 2009, in your application for retention to the General Optical Council dated 11 June 2009;
3. Failed to declare that you received a police caution on 23 January 2009, in your application for retention to the General Optical Council dated 2 July 2010.

And by virtue of the matters set out above your fitness to undertake training is impaired by reason of your:

- (a) Caution;
- (b) Misconduct.

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**Committee Members:** Sir Alistair Graham (Lay)  
Mrs G Huka (Lay)  
Mrs C Kershaw (Lay)  
Mr M Lomas (Optometrist)  
Ms C Viner (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** TBA

**Hearings Manager:** Mr D Henley BEM

**Transcribers:** Fiona Shipley Transcriptions Limited

If you have any objections concerning any member of the Committee, you should contact the Hearings Manager at the earliest opportunity.

If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at 41 Harley Street, London, W1G 8DJ or, by telephone, on 020 7580 3898. If you require information relating to any non-hearing matters, please contact the Council's Communications Department on 020 7580 3898.