

SHAPING OPTICAL REGULATION FOR THE FUTURE

We are the regulator for the optical professions in the UK with the primary purpose of assuring the health and protection of those who use the services of optometrists and dispensing opticians by promoting high standards of education, performance and conduct amongst dispensing opticians and optometrists.



LAY HEARING PANEL MEMBERS: (circa 20)

We are aiming to increase the size of our available pool of lay Hearing Panel members, who will ideally be available from November 2019 (subject to legislative change).

Hearing Panel members operate in the capacity of the Fitness to Practise Committee, to determine allegations relating to the fitness to practise of registered optometrists and dispensing opticians, the fitness of business registrants to carry on business as an optometrist or a dispensing optician or both; and the fitness of student registrants to undertake training as an optometrist or dispensing optician. Hearings panel members also determine whether it is necessary for interim measures (suspension or made subject to conditions) to be put in place whilst an investigation is in progress for the protection of members of the public or is otherwise in the public interest, or in the interests of a registrant. Hearings panel members also sit as part of the Registration Appeal Committee which is constituted for the purpose of hearing and determining appeals against any decision of the Registrar refusing to enter the name of an individual or body corporate in, or to restore it to, the appropriate Register.

Previous experience is not a requirement for this role! We are looking for individuals who can show excellent listening and communication skills, objective analysis and judgement, robust evaluation and positive team working skills as well as a demonstrable commitment to dealing with people and issues honestly, fairly and with respect. This role is rewarding and challenging, and presents a great opportunity for personal development.

If this is something you are interested in we would be delighted to hear from you. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance the work of the GOC in enabling us to assure the health and protection of those who use the services of optometrists and dispensing opticians.

Time commitment: part time, 30 to 40 days per year ● **Remuneration:** £319 per day + expenses ● **Interviews:** eight days: Thurs 19, Fri 20, Mon 23, Tues 24, Thurs 26, Fri 27 & Mon 30 Sept and Mon 01 Oct 2019 (at the GOC offices, London) ●
Application deadline: Wednesday 24 July 2019 (noon). Late applications **will not** be accepted under any circumstances.

For more information please visit our [website](#) or [apply now](#)

Please note CV's are **not** being accepted for this role. You **must** complete the application form.