

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
7 APRIL 2020**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Zahra Omar

Registration number: (01-28804)

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an Interim Conditions of Practice Order from 7 April 2020 for a period of 18 months.

The order will be further reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.

Conditions

1. You must not undertake any Locum work as an Optometrist (i.e. work which requires you to undertake a protected function in accordance with the Opticians Act 1989).
2. You must notify the General Optical Council ('GOC') at least 14 days in advance of undertaking work as an Optometrist and provide contact details of your prospective employer to the GOC.
3. Within 7 days of the notification contained within Condition 2, you must identify a workplace clinical supervisor (supervisor) and place yourself and remain under the supervision of the supervisor, who must be approved by the GOC.
4. You must provide to your supervisor any record, appropriately pseudonymised, which relates to the detection or referral of wet macular degeneration (nAMD) and/or corneal endothelial dystrophy.

5. If optical coherence tomography (OCT) imaging is available at the practice at which you are working, you must provide to your supervisor every OCT scan, and the associated patient record, which you capture.
6. You must provide to your supervisor ten random records each month for your supervisor to assess with regard to patient consent.
7. The supervisor must be prepared to monitor your conditions and provide reports to the GOC every three months providing details of any progression or regression in the “specified areas” namely:
 - a. The detection and referral of nAMD;
 - b. The detection, monitoring and referral of corneal endothelial dystrophy;
 - c. The obtaining and recording of patient consent.
8. You must advise the GOC of the nominated supervisor’s contact details within 7 days of the notification contained within Condition 2, and within 7 days of any change to the supervisor.
9. You must formulate a personal development plan (PDP) which addresses the specified areas. The PDP must be provided to the GOC 7 days before the next review of these conditions.
10. You must speak with your supervisor, every month, either in person or using appropriate telecommunications (Zoom, Skype, etc) to discuss your PDP and any progression or regression contained within the reports.
11. The GOC will enter these conditions against your name in the register save any conditions which relate to your health. You must allow the GOC to share any information, including confidential information, with any employer, supervisor, professional colleague or any organisation for which you provide ophthalmic services for the duration of your conditional registration. You must also allow the GOC to share this information with other regulatory bodies and the Department of Health.
12. You must notify the GOC within 14 days of commencement of any professional appointment you accept whilst you are subject to these conditions (this includes any teaching posts) and provide contact details of your employer and if providing NHS ophthalmic services, the NHS Body on whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you will be included (this includes any equivalent employer in the EC).
13. You must inform the GOC within 14 days of any criminal convictions, police cautions or formal disciplinary proceedings taken against you from the date of this determination.
14. You must inform the GOC:
 - a. If you cease working;

- b. If your work takes you out of the UK for a significant period of time;
or
 - c. Of any employment you apply for outside of the UK (and in which countries) as conditions of registration only apply to practice undertaken in the UK (you must consider whether your time out of work or out of the UK will allow you to fulfil the conditions during the period of conditional registration). The GOC may inform the relevant competent authorities in that country of your current conditions of UK registration.
15. You must continue to fulfil the CET requirements under the GOC CET scheme to secure appropriate points for continued inclusion on the GOC register.
16. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditional registration:
- a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to undertake ophthalmic services;
 - b. Any prospective ophthalmic services employer (whether within the UK or EC);
 - c. The NHS Body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or seeking inclusion.
 - d. You must ensure that your GOC registration is renewed by 15 March annually. Should you fail to renew your registration a review hearing will be arranged.