

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
23 January 2024**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Hasmita Shah

**Registration number:** 01-13107

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 23 January 2024 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.

**LIST OF CONDITIONS**

1.	<p>You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within seven days of the date this order takes effect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether or not in the UK (to include any locum agency).</li><li>b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.</li><li>c. Any locum agency or out of hours service that you are registered with, whether or not in the UK.</li><li>d. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.</li><li>e. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.</li></ul>
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2.	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.</li> <li>b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.</li> <li>c. You cease working.</li> </ul> <p>This information must include the contact details of your prospective employer/ contractor and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.</p>
3.	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>
4.	<p>You must inform the GOC within 7 days of any complaint made against you, from the date of this determination.</p>
5.	<p>You must inform the GOC within 7 days from the date of application, if you apply for optical employment outside the UK.</p>
6.	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</p> <p>A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fulfil all Continuing Professional Development requirements; or</li> <li>b. Renew your registration annually. You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</li> </ul>
7.	<p>At any time you are employed, or providing optical services which require you to be registered with the GOC, you must place yourself and remain under the indirect supervision of a workplace supervisor nominated by you and agreed by the GOC. The workplace supervisor shall be a GOC registrant in the same category of the register as you. Your supervisor is not required to be on site with you at all times but must be contactable at all times when you are practising.</p>

8.	You must not continue to practise until these arrangements have been approved by the GOC.
9.	You must provide the workplace supervisor with a copy of this determination immediately after the supervisor has been approved by the GOC. Evidence that this information has been provided to the workplace supervisor must be forwarded to the GOC within 7 days of disclosure.
10.	You must allow the GOC to exchange information with your workplace supervisor.
11.	<p>You must provide a report from your workplace supervisor to the GOC every 3 months and at least 14 days prior to any review. The report will address the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate record keeping;</li> <li>• Retinal assessments;</li> <li>• Correct referral pathways.</li> </ul>
12.	<p>You must maintain logs of all patients seen and arrange for your supervisor to randomly select and review five case records per week from your consultations as well as all of those with an unusual retinal finding or patients' referred. At fortnightly face to face meetings you should discuss with your supervisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate record keeping;</li> <li>• Retinal assessments;</li> <li>• Correct referral pathways.</li> </ul>
13.	You must provide copies of logs to the GOC every 3 months and at least 14 days prior to any review hearing.