**Lay Council member: Application Form (ref GOC04/25)**

Thank you for deciding to apply to be a lay member on our Council. Before starting your application please ensure that you have read the [Candidate Information Pack](https://optical.org/asset/0BA3C10F-9DF4-4E8E-89D9079DFFB30BCF/) and the [Application Form Guidance for Members](https://optical.org/resource/application-guidance-for-member-roles-pdf.html).

If you have any questions regarding your application or the role, please contact the GOC Appointments Team: appointment@optical.org

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| **COMPETENCY STATEMENTS** |

Please indicate how you meet each of the essential competencies for the role as set out in the Candidate Information Pack. It is important you use examples based upon real situations, describe the task you had to achieve, outline the action you took and identify the result of your action(s). If necessary, you may use the same evidence or example against more than one competency.

**This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the appointment panel that you have the skills and experience to meet the competencies. The appointment panel will use the information provided in this section to determine whether or not to invite you to interview.**

Each competency has a maximum 300-word limit. **DO NOT** leave an answer box blank. By leaving it blank you indicate that you do not (or cannot) meet the competency. **ALL** applicants are expected to provide examples for each competency in this section.

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| **ESSENTIAL (E1):** Suitable financial qualification and membership of relevant professional body (e.g. ACCA, Cima, ICAEW) and/or equivalent financial leadership and oversight in an organisation of comparable size and complexity, together with experience of audit, risk and finance committee or similar. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E2):** Demonstrable, active engagement in respect to equality, diversity and inclusion; able to evidence how a personal contribution makes a difference to progressing inclusion. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E3):** Good understanding of the GOC’s statutory role in upholding public protection and public confidence in professions and businesses we regulate, and the maintenance of high professional standards. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E4):** A solid track record of contributing effectively at board level, including: participating and challenging constructively in active debate; building consensus and reaching decisions; and providing strategic direction, insightful scrutiny, and consideration of long-term and big-picture perspectives. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E5):** High standards of ethics and probity, including demonstrable evidence of upholding the recognised principles of public life, and a solid understanding of their impact on the maintenance of public confidence in our work as a regulator. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E6):** Ability to use evidence to analyse complex issues, risks and mitigations, and exercise logical argument, and sound judgement to formulate advice and reach a collective decision, consistent with our overall strategic direction, governance and legislative framework. |
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Please return this application form, alongside your CV and EDI form by email to: appointment@optical.org (quoting reference GOC05/24). **To ensure our IT systems can open your application safely, please ONLY send in Microsoft Word or PDF format.**

Once you have submitted your application, we will acknowledge safe receipt within two working days.