

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

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F(25)17

AND

JACK HARDING (SD-9654)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

Take notice that an inquiry will be conducted in the above matter by the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council.

A substantive hearing will be proceeding:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **Monday 10 November – Friday 14 November 2025** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

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

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council
27 October 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Jack Harding SD-9654, a registered Student Dispensing Optician, whilst working at Vision Express [redacted]:

- 1. On or before the 22nd of June 2022, you used your supervisor, Colleague A and/or Colleague B's signature, on one or more of the following Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ABDO) pre-qualification (PQP) documents:*
 - a) Tracking sheets of dispensing tasks dated between on or around 3 March 2021 and/or 11 February 2022; and/or*
 - b) Tracking sheets of supervised time dated between on or around 3 March 2021 and/or 18 May 2022.*
- 2. Submitted the documentation referred to at paragraph 1(a) and/or 1(b) above to ABDO.*
- 3. Your actions at 1 (a), 1(b) and/or 2 above were misleading and/or dishonest, in that you knew or ought to have known that:*
 - a) you did not have the permission of Colleague A and/or Colleague B to use their signature; and/or*
 - b) Colleague A and/or Colleague B were required to sign the documents referred to at 1a and/or 1b above.*

And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.

Committee Members: Adrian Smith (Chair)
Lisa Hill (Lay)
Miriam Karp (Lay)
Naheed Sadr-Kazemi Bennett (Dispensing Optician)
Claire Anstee (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser: Caitlin Connor

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.