**Advisory Panel Member: Application Form (ref GOC01/25)**

Thank you for deciding to apply to be a Advisory panel member at the General Optical Council. Before starting your application please ensure that you have read the [Candidate Information Pack](https://optical.org/media/crcp04rw/advisory-panel-members-recruitment-2025-candidate-pack-final.pdf) and the [Application Form Guidance for Members](https://optical.org/en/publications/member-appointment-guidance/).

If you have any questions regarding your application or the role, please contact the GOC Appointments Team: [appointment@optical.org](mailto: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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| Before proceeding with the application, please indicate in the below box which committee you are applying for. (***Please note that applicants cannot be appointed to more than one committee.)*** |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E1):** **For business registrant representative roles only:** A director of a GOC registered body corporate (with the consent of their employer to act as a committee member) |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E1):** **For lay candidate roles only:** Elligbility for the role for lay member, as defined in the Opticians Act 1989, means this vacancy is not open to individuals who are (or ever have been) registered in a register, or a director of a body corporate registered in a register, maintained by the GOC. In addition, you must not hold qualifications which would entitle you to apply for registration in one of the registers maintained by the GOC. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E1):** **For Registered Medical Practitioner roles only:** A GMC registrant (an ophthalmologist or a doctor working in a different area with an understanding of primary and/or secondary care services for patients with optical needs) |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E1):** **For registrant committee members only (either dispensing optician or**  **optometrist):** A GOC registrant with an active interest in the area of responsibility for the committee to which you are applying. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E2):** Demonstrable, active engagement in respect to equality, diversity and inclusion; able to evidence how individual and collective actions make a difference toprogressing the equality agenda and decision making. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E3):** Ability to listen, communicate and influence effectively. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E4):** Able to participate constructively in active debate and decision-making, exercising logical argument, sound judgement and using evidence to build consensus within a multi-disciplinary team, group or committee. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E5**): Ability to evaluate, assess and distil substantial volumes of documentation and exercise sound judgement in formulating advice or making recommendations. |
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| **ESSENTIAL (E6**): Ability to act strategically and understand the broader context of decisions, and consider long-term and big-picture perspectives when preparing advice in  respect to the GOC’s overall strategic direction and regulatory activities. |
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Please return this application form, alongside your CV and EDI form by email to: [appointment@optical.org](mailto:appointment@optical.org) (quoting reference GOC01/25). **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 by email.