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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3021**

**OPTICIANS**

**The General Optical Council (Registration and  
Enrolment (Amendment) Rules) Order of Council 1996**

*Made - - - - 26th November 1996*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 26th day of November 1996  
By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in pursuance of section 10 of the Opticians Act 1989<sup>(1)</sup> the General Optical Council have made the Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules 1996 as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

And whereas by section 34 of the said Act such rules shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council:

And whereas upon rule 3 of the said rules coming into force the revocation mentioned therein will render wholly spent the General Optical Council (Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules) Order of Council 1994<sup>(2)</sup> :

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said rules into consideration, are hereby pleased to approve the same, and hereby revoke with effect from 1st April 1997 the General Optical Council (Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules) Order of Council 1994.

This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules) Order of Council 1996.

*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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(1) 1989 c. 44.  
(2) S.I.1994/729.

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## SCHEDULE

### GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

#### **The Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules 1996**

In pursuance of their powers under section 10 of the Opticians Act 1989 the General Optical Council hereby make the following rules:

(1) These rules may be cited as the Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules 1996.

(2) In the Registration and Enrolment Rules 1976 (which in their original form are scheduled to the General Optical Council (Registration and Enrolment Rules) Order of Council 1977(3) the Appendix shall be amended by replacing the figures £50, £29 and £18, on each occasion where they appear, by the figures £52, £30 and £19 respectively.

(3) The Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules 1994(4) (which will be spent on the coming into force of these Rules) are hereby revoked.

(4) These Rules shall come into force on 1st April 1997 and shall apply to applications for registration, enrolment, retention, restoration and transfer to take effect on or after 1st April 1997 whether made before, on or after that date.

Sealed on the 11th July 1996

Attested by:—

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*E. S. Page*  
Member of Council

*E. G. Woodward*  
Member of Council

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(3) S.I. 1977/176; relevant amending rules are scheduled to S.I. 1979/1638, 1980/1936 (now spent), 1981/1821 (now spent), 1983/1 (now spent), 1985/2024, 1987/1887 (now spent), 1990/270 (now spent), 1991/79 (now spent), 1993/483 (now spent) and 1994/729.

(4) Scheduled to the General Optical Council (Registration and Enrolment (Amendment) Rules) Order of Council 1994 (S.I. 1994/729).

R. D. Wilshin  
Registrar

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The rules approved by this Order increase with effect from 1st April 1997 the fees payable to the General Optical Council by ophthalmic and dispensing opticians and bodies corporate carrying on business as opticians for registration, enrolment or retention in, restoration to and transfer within the register of opticians. The fees were last fixed in April 1994 and the order of increase is approximately 4 per cent.

This Order also revokes a previous Order of Council which becomes spent on the revocation of rules which are scheduled to it.