



Opticians Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 44

PART I

THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

The Council's Committees

[^{F1}5D. The Hearings Panel

- (1) The Council shall appoint a panel of persons (“the Hearings Panel”) from whom members of the Fitness to Practise Committee and the Registration Appeals Committee must be selected.
- (2) No person shall be appointed to the Hearings Panel—
 - (a) if he is a member of the Council; and
 - (b) unless he satisfies such requirements as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council.
- (3) The Council shall pay members of the Hearings Panel such fees, allowances and expenses as the Council may determine.
- (4) The Council shall arrange such training for members of the Hearings Panel as the Council consider appropriate.
- (5) The Council may by rules make provision in respect of the Hearings Panel and may, in particular, make provision—
 - (a) as to the number of persons to be appointed to the Hearings Panel;
 - (b) for the removal or resignation from the Hearings Panel of any person appointed to it;
 - (c) for the term of appointment of any person appointed to the Hearings Panel; and
 - (d) for the publication of a list of members of the Hearings Panel.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 5D inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3)-(6) of the amending S.I.) by [The Opticians Act 1989 \(Amendment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/848\)](#), [art. 5](#) (with Sch. 2)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 5D(1) words repealed by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 29](#)[Sch. 15 Pt. 2](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13D(2)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2008/1774 Sch. 2 para. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). It was due to come into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47), see art. 1(4). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by [2012 c. 9, s. 75\(6\)](#), [Sch. 10 Pt. 5](#); [S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2](#))
- s. 13AA inserted by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 30](#)
- s. 23I inserted by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 46](#)
- s. 23AA inserted by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 39](#)
- s. 23CA inserted by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 42](#)