

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL ELECTION SCHEME, 2001

Part I—

Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

1. This Scheme may be cited as the General Optical Council Election Scheme 2001 and shall come into operation on 27th September 2001.

2. In this Scheme the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively:

“the Act” means the Opticians Act 1989;

“the Council” means the General Optical Council established under the Act;

“registered address” means the address entered in either of the registers of ophthalmic opticians or the register of dispensing opticians maintained by the Council in accordance with the Act as the permanent address of a registered optician.

3. A document is published for the purposes of this Scheme, if a copy thereof—

(i) is sent to the bodies appearing to the Council to be representative of ophthalmic or dispensing opticians, and to the optical press as the Council directs;

(ii) is made available for inspection at the address specified under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 7 of this scheme; and

(iii) is sent to any person on request.

4. The requirements in paragraphs 8, 9, 13, 19, 25 and 27 of this Scheme that documents conveying respectively nominations, withdrawal of candidates, votes, returns and protests shall be received by days fixed under any of those paragraphs mean that such documents shall be valid only if delivered to or received by post at the address specified under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 7 of this Scheme not later than 5 p.m. on the day fixed for the purpose.

5.—(1) Section 36 of the Act shall apply for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.