



Opticians Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 44

PART I

THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

The Council's Committees

6 General power to appoint committees.

- (1) The Council may set up a committee for any purpose (other than a purpose for which this Act requires that there shall be a committee of the Council) and may delegate to a committee set up under this section, with or without restrictions or conditions, as they think fit, any functions exercisable by them except the following—
 - (a) the power to make rules under this Act;
 - (b) any functions expressly conferred by this Act on some other committee; and
 - (c) subject to any express provision for delegation in the rules, any functions expressly conferred on the Council by rules under this Act.
- (2) The number of members of a committee set up under this section and their term of office shall be fixed by the Council.
- (3) A committee set up under this section may include persons who are not members of the Council, but at least two-thirds of the members of every such committee shall be members of the Council.
- (4) Every member of a committee set up under this section who at the time of his appointment was a member of the Council shall, upon ceasing to be a member of the Council, also cease to be a member of the committee.
- (5) For the purposes of this section a member of the Council shall not be deemed to have ceased by reason of retirement to be a member of it if he has again been nominated or elected a member of it not later than the date of his retirement.

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- [^{F1}(6) Any function delegated to a committee set up under this section may be further delegated by that committee to an officer or employee of the Council except to the extent that the Council limits or prohibits its further delegation.
- (7) The delegation of a function under this section shall not prevent the exercise of the function by the committee by whom the delegation is made.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 6(6)(7) added (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. 6\(1\)](#) (with Sch. 2)

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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](#)