

**BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL**

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AND

NEIL CARTER (01-9370)

DETERMINATION OF THE REVIEW INQUIRY: 17 SEPTEMBER 2007

On 17 September 2007, the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council met to review the Conditional Registration Order made regarding Neil Carter on 22 February 2007.

DETERMINATION

Decision of the Committee

Having had regard to all the evidence presented by the parties in respect of compliance, and in particular the report prepared by Mr Lyndon Taylor, the independent expert assessor, the Committee is satisfied that Mr Carter has complied fully with those conditions placed on his registration by the Fitness to Practise Committee on 22 February 2007.

Findings regarding impairment

At this review hearing, the Committee has already decided that the Registrant has complied with all the conditions imposed on his registration at the hearing of the Fitness to Practise Committee on 22 February 2007.

These conditions were imposed for the protection of the public and to address Mr Carter's training and assessment needs.

No further evidence of any existing deficiency or impairment has been placed before us, neither has such a submission been made to us by the Presenting Officer.

Accordingly, we find that the fitness of Mr Neil Carter to practise as an optometrist is not impaired.

Further direction

In the light of our previous findings that Mr Carter has complied with the conditions imposed on his registration and that his fitness to practise is not impaired, the Committee accordingly revokes the conditions previously placed upon his registration.

The Committee recognises the efforts made by Mr Carter to bring himself up to date and improve his standard to that of a reasonably competent optometrist. The Committee reminds Mr Carter of the necessity to maintain his continued education and training, especially with continuing changes in all areas of clinical practise.

Chairman of the Committee: Mercy Jeyasingham

Signed: _____

Date: 17 September 2007

Registrant: Neil Carter

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