STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 149

OPTICIANS

The General Optical Council (Education Committee Rules) Order of Council 1974

Made - - - - *1st February* 1974

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 1st day of February 1974

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in pursuance of section 17(2) of the Opticians Act 1958**(a)** the General Optical Council have made rules entitled "The Education Committee Rules 1973";

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said rules into consideration, are hereby pleased, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Them by section 17(3) of the said Act and of all other powers Them enabling, to approve the same as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Education Committee Rules) Order of Council 1974.

N. E. Leigh.

SCHEDULE

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE RULES 1973

The General Optical Council in exercise of their powers under section 17(2) of the Opticians Act 1958 hereby make the following rules:—

1. These rules may be cited as the Education Committee Rules 1973.

2. In these rules "the Act" means the Opticians Act 1958, "the Council" means the General Optical Council established under the Act and "the Committee" means the Education Committee established under section 17 of the Act.

3. The Committee shall consist of the persons appointed under paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of these rules.

4. The Council shall appoint from among their members the following members of the Committee:—

(*a*) The member of the Council nominated by the Privy Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1(*a*) and 2(2) of the Schedule to the Act as specially qualified to advise the Council on educational problems generally.

(a) 1958 c. 32.

(*b*) The members of the Council nominated by the examinaing bodies and the training institutions under article 1 of the General Optical Council (Membership) Order of Council 1973(a), other than the member nominated jointly by the British Optical Association, the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers and the Scottish Association of Opticians.

(*c*) The member of the Council nominated by the Privy Council under paragraph 5(*b*) of the said Schedule as a medical practitioner engaged in the pre-clinical training of students.

(*d*) One member of the Council from among the five persons chosen under paragraphs 1(*b*) and 3 of the said Schedule to represent registered ophthalmic opticians.

(*e*) One member of the Council from among the two persons chosen under paragraphs 1(*c*) and 3 of the said Schedule to represent registered dispensing opticians.

(*f*) Two members of the Council from among the four ophthalmologists nominated under paragraphs 1(*e*) and 5(*a*) of the said Schedule by the Faculty of Ophthalmologists.

5.—(1) The Council shall also appoint as members of the Committee three persons, not being members of the Council—

(*a*) two of whom appear to them to represent persons training student ophthalmic opticians, and

(*b*) one of whom appears to them to represent persons training student dispensing opticians.

(2) Unless it appears that the member of the Council nominated by the training institutions under article 1 of the General Optical Council (Membership) Order 1973 is capable of representing persons training student ophthalmic opticians in Scotland, the Council shall ensure that one of the members of the Committee appointed under sub-paragraph (1)(*a*) of this paragraph shall be a person who appears to be so capable.

6. The Secretary of State for Education and Science shall appoint, as a member of the Committee, one person, not being a member of the Council.

7. Appointments to the Committee shall be for a period not exceeding one year expiring on the 31st day of December. Provided that where a member, other than a member appointed under paragraph 5 or paragraph 6 of these rules, ceases to be a member of the Council he shall cease to be a member of the Committee.

8. A member of the Committee may at any time, by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Council, resign his office.

9. Where a casual vacancy occurs among the members of the Committee otherwise than in respect of a member appointed under paragraph 6 of these rules, it shall be filled by a person appointed by the Council as being a person having qualifications for membership similar to those of the member whose seat is vacant.

10. Where a casual vacancy occurs in respect of the member appointed under paragraph 6 of these rules, it shall be filled by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

11. A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the date upon which the member whose vacancy he has filled would have regularly retired.

12. These rules shall come into operation on 1st March 1974, and the Education Committee Rules 1959 (scheduled to the General Optical Council (Education Committee Rules) Order of Council 1959(b)), as amended by the Education Committee (Amendment) Rules 1971 (scheduled to the General Optical Council (Education Committee Rules) (Amendment) Order of Council 1971(c), shall cease to have effect on that date.

(a) S.I. 1973/268 (1973 I, p. 980).
(b) S.I. 1959/956 (1959 II, p. 1983).
(c) S.I. 1971/1527 (1971 III, p. 4298).

Sealed on the
15th day of November 1973

Attested by:

G. R. ROUGIER,
Member of Council.

RONALD RUSSELL,
Member of Council.

(L.S.)

J. DANIEL DEVLIN,
Registrar.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

The rules approved by this Order alter the composition of the Education Committee of the General Optical Council.

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