STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 1842

OPTICIANS

The General Optical Council (Membership) Order of Council 1983

Made - - - -	13*th December* 1983
Laid before Parliament	13*th December* 1983
Coming into Operation	1*st January* 1984

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 13th day of December 1983

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

Having consulted with the General Optical Council and other bodies, Their Lordships, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Them by paragraph 13(1) of the Schedule to the Opticians Act 1958(**a**), and of all other powers enabling Them in that behalf, are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Membership) Order of Council 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1984.

2. The membership of the General Optical Council shall be altered as follows:—

(i) the number of persons chosen to represent registered ophthalmic opticians under paragraph 1(*b*) of the Schedule to the Opticians Act 1958 shall be increased from five to seven, with effect from 1st January 1987; and

(ii) the person nominated by the Governor of Northern Ireland under paragraph 1(*f*) of the said Schedule shall henceforth be nominated by the Privy Council.

3. In paragraph 2(1) of the said Schedule the words "under sub-paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing paragraph and the person nominated by the Governor of Northern Ireland" shall be deleted and the words "under sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*f*) of the last foregoing paragraph" substituted therefor.

4. Instead of the nominations referred to in paragraph 4 of the said Schedule there shall be nominated by the following examining bodies, that is to say, the British College of Ophthalmic Opticians, three persons, and the Association of Dispensing Opticians and the Faculty of Dispensing Opticians, one person each,

(**a**) 1958 c. 32.

and one person, who shall be a person engaged in the education or examination of persons training as ophthalmic opticians, shall be nominated jointly by the City University, the University of Aston in Birmingham, the University of Bradford, the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology and the Glasgow College of Technology.

5. The General Optical Council (Membership) Order of Council 1973(**a**) is hereby revoked.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order transfers to the Privy Council the power of the Governor of Northern Ireland (now discharged by the Secretary of State) to nominate one member of the General Optical Council, and increases from five to seven the number of elected members of the Council representing registered ophthalmic opticians. The Order also makes new provision for the examining bodies who may nominate members of the Council.

(**a**) S.I. 1973/268.

SI 1983/1842
ISBN 0-11-037842-3

