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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 848**

**The Opticians Act 1989 (Amendment) Order 2005**

**PART 2**

**The Council, its Committees and Registration**

**The Hearings Panel**

**5.** Before section 6, insert—

**“The Hearings Panel**

**5D.—**(1) The Council shall appoint a panel of persons (“the Hearings Panel”) from whom members of the Fitness to Practise Committee and the Registration Appeals Committee must be selected.

(2) No person shall be appointed to the Hearings Panel—

- (a) if he is a member of the Council; and
- (b) unless he satisfies such requirements as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council.

(3) The Council shall pay members of the Hearings Panel such fees, allowances and expenses as the Council may determine.

(4) The Council shall arrange such training for members of the Hearings Panel as the Council consider appropriate.

(5) The Council may by rules make provision in respect of the Hearings Panel and may, in particular, make provision—

- (a) as to the number of persons to be appointed to the Hearings Panel;
- (b) for the removal or resignation from the Hearings Panel of any person appointed to it;
- (c) for the term of appointment of any person appointed to the Hearings Panel; and
- (d) for the publication of a list of members of the Hearings Panel.”.