STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 124

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*27th March 1996*
Coming into operation	*1st April 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98 and 106 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1996.

(2) In these regulations, "the principal regulations" means the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**2**).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations (charges for optical appliances supplied by a Board or an HSS trust)—

(a) in paragraph (3) for "£38·60" there shall be substituted "£39·00";

(b) in paragraph (5)(*b*) for "£47·30" and "£76·90" in both places where they occur there shall be substituted "£47·80" and "£77·80" respectively.

Amendment of regulation 20 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 20 of the principal regulations (redemption value of voucher for replacement or repair)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(*b*) for "£38·60" there shall be substituted "£39·00"; and

(**1**) S.I.1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3(2) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1; S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 8; and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5; there are other amendments which are not relevant

(**2**) S.R. 1989 No. 114 as amended by S.R. 1990 No. 99, S.R. 1991 Nos. 115 and 332, S.R. 1992 Nos. 155 and 242, S.R. 1993 No. 141, S.R. 1994 No. 100, and S.R. 1995 No. 114

(b) in paragraph (3) for "£9·90" there shall be substituted "£10·00".

Amendment of Schedules to the principal regulations

4.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (voucher letter codes and face values — supply and replacement)(**3**) in column 3 (face value of voucher) for each amount specified in column 1 of the Table below (old amount) there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Table (new amount).

TABLE

Column 1 Old amount	Column 2 New amount
£26·40	£26·70
£40·10	£40.50
£54·70	£55·20
£107·30	£108·40
£45·50	£46·00
£57·90	£58·50
£69·80	£70·50
£118·00 (in both places where it appears)	£119·20
£38.60	£39·00

(2) In Schedule 2 to the principal regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small and special glasses and complex appliances)—

(a) in paragraph 1(1)(*a*) (prism — single vision lens) for "£5·10" there shall be substituted "£5·20";

(b) in paragraph 1(1)(*b*) (prism — other lens) for "£6·30" there shall be substituted "£6·40";

(c) in paragraph 1(1)(*c*) (single vision tinted lens) for "£2·60" there shall be substituted "£2·70";

(d) in paragraph 1(1)(*d*) (other tinted lens) for "£3·10" there shall be substituted "£3·20";

(e) in paragraph 1(1)(*e*)(**4**) (small glasses)—

(i) in sub-head (i) for "£43·50" there shall be substituted "£43·90",

(ii) in sub-head (ii) for "£38·60" there shall be substituted "£39·00", and

(iii) in sub-head (iii) for "£20·90" there shall be substituted "£21·10";

(f) in paragraph 1(1)(*f*) (photochromic lenses) for "£2·60" there shall be substituted "£2·70" and for "£3·10" there shall be substituted "£3·20";

(g) in paragraph 1(1)(*g*) (specially manufactured frames) for "£43·50" there shall be substituted "£43·90";

(h) in paragraph 2(*a*) (minimum complex appliance payment — single vision lenses) for "£4·30" there shall be substituted "£4·40"; and

(**3**) Schedule 1 was substituted by regulation 4 of S.R. 1992 No. 155 and subsequently amended by S.R. 1993 No. 141, S.R. 1994 No. 100, and S.R. 1995 No. 114

(**4**) Paragraph 1(1)(*e*) was substituted by regulation 3(3)(*e*) of S.R. 1990 No. 99