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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made . . . . . *22nd March 1995*

Coming into operation . . *1st April 1995*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 62, 106 and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of medical practitioners practising as ophthalmic medical practitioners, and ophthalmic opticians, as required by Article 62(3) of the said Order, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1995.

(2) In these regulations, the "principal regulations" means the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations (interpretation), after the definition of "deputy" there shall be inserted the following definition—

" "disability working allowance" means disability working allowance under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**c**);".

Amendment of regulation 15 of the principal regulations

3.—(1) In regulation 15(2) of the principal regulations (sight tests — eligibility) the word "or" at the end of head (*e*) shall be omitted and after head (*f*) there shall be added—

"(*g*) he is in receipt of disability working allowance and his capital resources, calculated in accordance with the regulations concerning

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26) Article 13; S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3(1) and (2), paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, Article 17 and Part I of Schedule 6; S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) Article 8(1) and (2); and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Part I of Schedule 5

(**b**) S.R. 1986 No. 163; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1989 No. 113

(**c**) 1992 c. 7