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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made	*26th July 1991*
Coming into operation . .	*1st August 1991*

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(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**), 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) 1991 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1991.

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

Amendment of regulation 20 of the principal regulations

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

(*a*) in paragraph (1)(*b*) for "£32·15" there is substituted "£32·80"; and

(*b*) in paragraph (3) for "£8·20" there is substituted "£8·40".

Amendment of Schedules to the principal regulations

3.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (voucher letter codes and face values — supply and replacement) 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).

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

(**b**) Formerly Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(**c**) S.R. 1989 No. 114 as amended by S.R. 1991 No. 115

TABLE

Column 1 *Old amount*	Column 2 *New amount*
£ 19·30	£ 19·70
£ 30·50	£ 31·15
£ 48·00	£ 49·00
£ 37·00	£ 37·80
£ 61·00	£ 62·30
£102·00 (in both places where it appears)	£104·20
£ 32·15	£ 32·80

(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 "£4·10" there is substituted "£4·20";

(*b*) in paragraph 1(1)(*b*) (prism — other lens) for "£5·10" there is substituted "£5·20";

(*c*) in paragraph 1(1)(*c*) (single vision tinted lens) for "£2·05" there is substituted "£2·10";

(*d*) in paragraph 1(1)(*d*) (other tinted lens) for "£2·55" there is substituted "£2·60";

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

(i) in sub-head (i) for "£35·20" there is substituted "£36·00",

(ii) in sub-head (ii) for "£31·30" there is substituted "£32·00", and

(iii) in sub-head (iii) for "£16·90" there is substituted "£17·30";

(*f*) in paragraph 1(1)(*f*) (photochromic lenses) for "£2·05" there is substituted "£2·10" and for "£2·55" there is substituted "£2·60";

(*g*) in paragraph 1(1)(*g*) (specially manufactured frames) for "£35·20" there is substituted "£36·00";

(*h*) in paragraph 2(*a*) (minimum complex appliance payment — single vision lenses) for "£3·60" there is substituted "£3·70"; and

(*i*) in paragraph 2(*b*) (mimimum complex appliance payment — other cases) for "£19·25" there is substituted "£19·70".

(3) For Schedule 3 to the principal regulations (voucher values — repair) there is substituted the Schedule 3 set out in the Schedule.

Application of regulations

4. The amendments made by regulations 2 and 3 and the Schedule apply only in relation to a voucher—

(*a*) accepted or used on or after 1st August 1991 pursuant to regulation 12 or regulation 18 of the principal regulations; or

(*b*) sent to the Agency pursuant to regulation 14(2)(*c*) of the principal regulations in respect of cost incurred on or after that date.