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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made	*21st March 1991*
Coming into operation . .	*1st April 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 (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1991.

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

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations (interpretation)—

(*a*) in the definition of ''complex appliance''—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for ''lens;'' there is substituted ''lens, or''; and

(ii) after sub-paragraph (*b*) there is added the following sub-paragraph—

''(*c*) is a prism-controlled bifocal lens;''.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations (charges for optical appliances supplied by a Board)—

(*a*) in paragraph (3) for ''£26·50'' there is substituted ''£32·15''; and

(*b*) in paragraph (5)(*b*) for ''£32·00'' and ''£52·00'' in both places where they occur there is substituted ''£38·85'' and ''£63·15'' respectively.

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); the relevant amending Order in Council is S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8)
(**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. 1990 No. 99

Amendment of regulation 20 of the principal regulations

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

(*a*) in paragraph (1)(*b*) for "£28·85" there is substituted "£32·15"; and

(*b*) in paragraph (3) for "£7·70" there is substituted "£8·20".

Amendment of Schedules to the principal regulations

5.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (voucher letter codes and face values — supply and replacement) in column 1 (type of optical appliance)—

(*a*) in paragraph 3—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for "exceeding 10 dioptres" there is substituted "of 10 or more dioptres", and

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*c*) for "not exceeding 10 dioptres" there is substituted "of less than 10 dioptres"; and

(*b*) in paragraph 6—

(i) for "prism segment bifocal lenses" there is substituted "prism-controlled bifocal lenses",

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for "exceeding 10 dioptres" there is substituted "of 10 or more dioptres", and

(iii) in sub-paragraph (*c*) for "not exceeding 10 dioptres" there is substituted "of less than 10 dioptres".

(2) In column 3 of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (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*
£ 18·00	£ 19·30
£ 28·75	£ 30·50
£ 47·00	£ 48·00
£ 34·75	£ 37·00
£ 59·75	£ 61·00
£100·00 (in both places where it appears)	£102·00
£ 28·85	£ 32·15

(3) 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 "£4·00" there is substituted "£4·10";

(*b*) in paragraph 1(1)(*b*) (prism — other lens) for "£5·00" there is substituted "£5·10";

(*c*) in paragraph 1(1)(*c*) (single vision tinted lens) for "£2·00" there is substituted "£2·05";

(*d*) in paragraph 1(1)(*d*) (other tinted lens) for "£2·50" there is substituted "£2·55";

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

(i) in sub-head (i) for "£34·50" there is substituted "£35·20",

(ii) in sub-head (ii) for "£30·70" there is substituted "£31·30", and

(iii) in sub-head (iii) for "£16·60" there is substituted "£16·90";

(*f*) in paragraph 1(1)(*f*) (photochromic lenses) for "£2·00" there is substituted "£2·05" and for "£2·50" there is substituted "£2·55";

(*g*) in paragraph 1(1)(*g*) (specially manufactured frames) for "£34·50" there is substituted "£35·20";

(*h*) in paragraph 2(*a*) (mimimum complex appliance payment — single vision lenses) for "£3·50" there is substituted "£3·60"; and

(*i*) in paragraph 2(*b*) (minimum complex appliance payment — other cases) for "£18·75" there is substituted "£19·25".

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

Amendment of the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

6. In regulation 2(1) of the Ophthalmic Services Regulations(**a**) (interpretation) in the definition of "complex appliance"—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (ii) for "lens;" there is substituted "lens, or";

(*b*) after sub-paragraph (ii) there is added the following sub-paragraph—

"(iii) is a prism-controlled bifocal lens;".

Application of regulations

7. The amendments made by regulations 3, 4 and 5(2), (3) and (4) and the Schedule apply only in relation to a voucher—

(*a*) accepted or used on or after 1st April 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.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 21st March 1991.

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(a) S.R. 1986 No. 163 as amended by S.R. 1989 No. 113