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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made	*14th March 1990*
Coming into operation . .	*1st April 1990*

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) 1990 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1990.

(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 "£26·50" there is substituted "£28·85"; and

(*b*) in paragraph (3) for "£7·40" there is substituted "£7·70".

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 1 (type of optical appliance)—

(*a*) for paragraph 1 there is substituted the following—

"1. Glasses with single vision lenses—

(*a*) of a spherical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 6 dioptres; or

(*b*) of a spherical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 4 dioptres with a cylindrical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 2 dioptres.";

(*b*) for paragraph 3(*c*) there is substituted the following—

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by 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

"(*c*) of a spherical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 10 dioptres with a cylindrical power (plus or minus) exceeding 6 dioptres; or";

(*c*) for paragraph 4 there is substituted the following—

"4. Glasses with bifocal lenses—

(*a*) of a spherical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 6 dioptres; or

(*b*) of a spherical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 4 dioptres with a cylindrical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 2 dioptres.";

(*d*) for paragraph 6(*c*) there is substituted the following—

"(*c*) of a spherical power (plus or minus) not exceeding 10 dioptres with a cylindrical power (plus or minus) exceeding 6 dioptres; or".

(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 there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Table.

TABLE

Column 1 *Old amount*	Column 2 *New amount*
£17·00	£ 18·00
£28·00	£ 28·75
£46·00	£ 47·00
£32·75	£ 34·75
£58·00	£ 59·75
£98·00 (in both places where it appears)	£100·00
£26·50	£ 28·85

(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 "£3·75" there is substituted "£4·00";

(*b*) in paragraph 1(1)(*b*) (prism — other lens) for "£4·75" there is substituted "£5·00";

(*c*) in paragraph 1(1)(*c*) (single vision tinted lens) for "£1·90" there is substituted "£2·00";

(*d*) in paragraph 1(1)(*d*) (other tinted lens) for "£2·40" there is substituted "£2·50";

(*e*) for paragraph 1(1)(*e*) (small glasses) there is substituted the following—

"(*e*) in respect of small glasses—

(i) by £34·50 in the case of supply or replacement of the glasses or repair or replacement of the whole frame,