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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Sight Testing (Examination and Prescription) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989

Made	*10th July 1989*
Coming into operation . .	*31st July 1989*

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 20B(1), (3) and (8) of the Opticians Act 1958(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Sight Testing (Examination and Prescription) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1989.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Opticians Act 1958;

"doctor" means a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983(**b**);

"employment purposes" in the case of any individual, means the purposes in relation to the individual of any person by whom he is or has been, or is seeking to be, employed (whether under a contract of service or otherwise);

"insurance purposes" in the case of any individual, means the purposes in relation to the individual of any person carrying on an insurance business with whom the individual has entered into, or is seeking to enter into, a contract of insurance, and "insurance business" and "contract of insurance" have the same meaning as in the Insurance Companies Act 1982(**c**);

"optician" means a registered ophthalmic optician;

"patient" means a person whose sight has been tested.

Examination

3.—(1) Subject to the exceptions specified in paragraph (2), when a doctor or optician tests the sight of another person, it shall be his duty—

(**a**) 1958 c. 32; section 20B was inserted by section 14 of the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49)
(**b**) 1983 c. 54
(**c**) 1982 c. 50