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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

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The Department(**a**) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of and in conjunction with the Department(**a**) of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**c**) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 2 —

(*a*) the definition of ''full-time school education'' shall be deleted;

(*b*) after the definition ''patient'' there shall be inserted the definition:

'' ''qualifying full-time education'' means full-time instruction at a recognised educational establishment or by other means accepted as comparable by the Department and ''recognised educational establishment'' means an establishment recognised by the Department as being, or as comparable to, a school, college or university;''.

(2) For the proviso to regulation 18(1) there shall be substituted:

''Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the supply, to persons who at the time of the testing of sight leading to the supply of the optical appliance or of the first such testing were under 16 years of age, or were under 19 years of age and receiving qualifying full-time education, of optical appliances where the standard type of children's frame as described in the Statement is used;''.

(3) For regulation 19(3)(*a*) there shall be substituted:

''(*a*) were under 19 years of age and receiving qualifying full-time education, or''.

(4) For regulation 21(1)(*a*) there shall be substituted:

''(*a*) the person for whom the optical appliance is supplied was at the relevant time of the age of ten or more and either under 16 years of age or under 19 years of age and receiving qualifying full-time education; and''.

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36, s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8

(**b**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(**c**) S.R. 1975 No. 372, relevant amending legislation is S.R. 1977 No. 80 and S.R. 1978 No. 21