
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>24th July 1991</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>25th July 1991</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> | - - | <i>1st August 1991</i> |

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 105(7) and 108(1) of, and by paragraph 2A of Schedule 11, to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(1), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1991 and shall come into force on 1st August 1991.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1989(2).

Amendment of regulation 20 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 20 of the principal Regulations (redemption value of voucher – replacement or repair)–

- (a) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£32.15” there is substituted “£32.80”;
- (b) in paragraph (3)(i) for “£8.20” there is substituted “£8.40”; and
- (c) in paragraph 3(ii) for “£35.30” there is substituted “£36.00”.

(1) 1978 c. 29; section 105(7) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5 and Schedule 7 and by the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41), Schedule 9, paragraph 24; section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made; paragraph 2A of Schedule 11 was inserted by the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c. 48), Schedule 1, Part II, paragraph 7 and amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49) section 13(2) and (5).

(2) S.I. 1989/392, amended by S.I. 1990/509 and 1991/534.

Amendment of Schedules to the principal Regulations

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

TABLE

| Column 1 <i>Old amount</i> | Column 2 <i>New amount</i> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| £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) For Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (voucher values – repair) there is substituted the Schedule 2 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(3) In Schedule 3 to the principal Regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small glasses and special frames and complex appliances)–

- (a) in paragraph 1(1)(a) (single vision lens with prism) for “£4.10” there is substituted “£4.20”;
- (b) in paragraph 1(1)(b) (other lens with prism) 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) for paragraph 1(1)(e) (small glasses) there is substituted the following:–
 - “(e) in respect of small glasses–
 - (i) by £36.00 in the case of supply or replacement of glasses or repair of the whole frame;
 - (ii) by £32.00 in the case of repair or replacement of the front of the frame; and
 - (iii) by £17.30 in the case of repair or replacement of a side of a frame;”;
- (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 lens) for “£3.60” there is substituted “£3.70”; and
- (i) in paragraph 2(b) (minimum complex appliance payment – other lenses) for “£19.25” there is substituted “£19.70”.

Application of Regulations

4. The amendments made by regulations 2 and 3 of, and the Schedule to, these Regulations 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 a Health Board pursuant to regulation 14(2)(c) of the principal Regulations in respect of cost incurred on or after that date.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
24th July 1991

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 3(2)

SCHEDULE 2 TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS
AS SUBSTITUTED BY THESE REGULATIONS

“SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 20(2) and (3)

VOUCHER VALUES – REPAIR

| Column 1 | Column 2 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| <i>Nature of repair to appliance</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>Letter Codes – Values</i> | | | | | | |
| A | B | C | D | E | F & G | |
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Repair or replacement of one lens | 5.65 | 11.40 | 20.30 | 14.70 | 26.95 | 47.90 |
| Repair or replacement of two lenses | 11.30 | 22.75 | 40.60 | 29.40 | 53.90 | 95.80 |
| Repair or replacement of— | 7.45 | 7.45 | 7.45 | 7.45 | 7.45 | 7.45 |
| the front of a frame | | | | | | |
| a side of a frame | 4.10 | 4.10 | 4.10 | 4.10 | 4.10 | 4.10 |
| the whole frame | 8.40 | 8.40 | 8.40 | 8.40 | 8.40 | 8.40 |
| Maximum | 19.70 | 31.15 | 49.00 | 37.80 | 63.30 | 104.20” |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1989 (“the principal Regulations”) which provide for payments to be made, by means of a voucher system, in respect of costs incurred by certain categories of persons in connection with the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances.

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These Regulations amend Schedule 1 to, and substitute a new Schedule 2 in, the principal Regulations to increase by an average of 2.13 per cent the value of vouchers issued in respect of the cost of the supply and replacement of glasses and contact lenses (regulation 3(1)) and of the repair and replacement of appliances (regulation 3(2) and the Schedule). Regulation 2 makes consequential amendments to regulation 20 of the principal Regulations (redemption value of voucher – replacement or repair). Regulation 3(3) increases the additional values for vouchers in respect of prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small glasses and special frames and complex appliances.