

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1986 (“the principal Regulations”) which provide for the arrangements under which ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians provide general ophthalmic services (ie sight testing services).

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations in order to include a definition of disability working allowance.

Regulation 3 of these Regulations extends the categories of eligibility for free sight tests to include people in receipt of disability working allowance whose capital resources (calculated in accordance with the regulations concerning entitlement to that allowance) were £8,000 or less at the time that allowance was claimed, and also certain relatives of such people.