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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 251 (S.10)**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND**

**The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1998**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>4th February 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>11th February 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>4th March 1998</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 98, 105(7) and 108(1) of 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 (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1998 and shall come into force on 4th March 1998.

(2) In these Regulations, a reference to “the principal Regulations” is a reference to the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1989(2).

**Amendment of Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations**

2.—(1) Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (overseas visitors exempt from charges) shall be amended by—

- (a) deleting paragraph (a)(iii);
- (b) inserting at the end of paragraph (p) the word “; or”;
- (c) inserting after paragraph (p) the following paragraph:—

“(q) who is pursuing a full time course of study.”.

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(1) 1978 c. 29; section 98 was amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 7(13) and (14); section 105(7), which 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 contains provisions relevant to the exercise of the powers under which these Regulations are made; section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made.

(2) S.I. 1989/364 amended by S.I. 1992/411 and 1994/1770.

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### **Amendment of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations**

3. Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (countries or territories in respect of which the United Kingdom has entered into a reciprocal agreement) shall be amended by deleting the words “Hong Kong”.

St Andrew’s House,  
Edinburgh  
4th February 1998

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989 to provide that an overseas visitor pursuing a full time course of study is exempt from charges for NHS Services. The previous qualification that industrial or analogous experience formed an integral part of the course is removed.

The Regulations also remove Hong Kong from the list of countries in respect of which the United Kingdom Government has entered into a reciprocal agreement.