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The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010

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The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 26, 105(7), 106(a) and 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978⁽¹⁾ and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 and come into force on 1st April 2010.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations “the 2006 Regulations” means the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2006⁽²⁾.

Amendment of the 2006 Regulations

3.—(1) The 2006 Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) in the definition of “primary eye examination”, omit “including where clinically necessary a sight test”;

(1) 1978 c.29. Section 26 was amended by the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c.48), section 1(5) and Schedule 1, Part II, paragraphs 1 and 4 and Schedule 8, the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c.49), section 13(4) and the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the 2005 Act”) (asp 13), sections 13(2) and 19; section 105(7) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5(1) and Schedule 7, the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41), Schedule 9, Part 1, paragraph 24 and the Health Act 1999 (c.8), Schedule 4, paragraph 60; section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(2) S.S.I. 2006/135, as amended by S.S.I. 2006/329, S.S.I. 2007/193 and S.I. 2007/3101.

- (b) for the definition of “records” substitute—
 - ““records” means records kept in accordance with paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 and as specified in Schedule 5;”;
- (c) for the definition of “supplementary eye examination” substitute—
 - ““supplementary eye examination” means the tests and procedures specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 4 and in column 2 of the Table in Schedule 4 in the circumstances specified in column 1 of that Schedule;”.
- (3) In regulation 7 (application for inclusion in Ophthalmic List and notification of changes)-
 - (a) in paragraphs (1)(d) and (e) and in paragraph (8)(a), after “certificates,” insert “applications for such certificates as the case may be”;
 - (b) after paragraph (1A), insert—
 - “(1B) An application shall, in the case of an application by an optician that is a body corporate, be signed by all the directors of that body corporate.”;
 - (c) For paragraph (2), substitute—
 - “(2) An optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner who is included in a Board’s Ophthalmic List shall—
 - (a) notify the Board in writing if there is a change to any of the information which that optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner has provided in terms of regulation 7(1) together with that changed information within 7 days of the occurrence of the relevant change;
 - (b) supply any declarations, certificates, applications, undertakings and consents either at the same time as it supplies the information in terms of sub-paragraph (a) or by such date as the Board may determine, if the change to the information is such that, had the information been part of an application it would have required any of the declarations, certificates, applications, undertakings and consents required by regulation 7(1) to be supplied;
 - (c) if the optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner is included in the Ophthalmic List of more than one Board, send the notification and information referred to in sub-paragraph (a) and the declarations, certificates, applications, undertakings and consents required in terms of sub-paragraph (b) to each Board on whose Ophthalmic List that optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner is included.”;
 - (d) in paragraph (3)(c) omit “and”;
 - (e) after paragraph (3)(d), insert—
 - “; and
 - (e) obtain any enhanced criminal record certificate required in respect of the application if such certificate was not included with the application.”;
 - (f) After paragraph (4), insert—
 - “(4A) If a Board considers that it requires to meet with—
 - (a) the applicant; or
 - (b) where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, any of its directors,in order to properly determine the application, it shall require the applicant or director as the case may be, to attend a meeting at a reasonable time and place to discuss the application, and the applicant or director as the case may be shall comply with such a request.

(4B) A Board may, if it considers that the proposed practice premises of an applicant should be inspected, inspect such premises.

(4C) Where the proposed practice premises of an applicant have never been inspected by a Board, it shall inspect the proposed practice premises before determining the application.

(4D) Any inspection made pursuant to paragraphs (4B) or (4C) shall be made no later than 14 days after the date of receipt of the application.

(4E) Following any inspection made pursuant to paragraphs (4B) or (4C), a Board may specify that the applicant shall carry out such work within a reasonable period of time in order to comply with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Schedule 1.”;

(g) after paragraph (11), insert—

“(12) An optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner who has made an application for inclusion in a Board’s Ophthalmic List shall notify the Board that is considering the application in writing if there is a change to any of the information which that optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner has provided in terms of this regulation as soon as such change occurs.”.

(4) In regulation 8 (grounds for refusal of application)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(c), for “has been”, substitute “is”;

(b) for sub-paragraph (1)(d), substitute—

““the applicant is suspended from the Ophthalmic List or equivalent list”;

(c) in sub-paragraph (1)(f), after “disqualification”, insert “and, at the time of the application, the decision of that equivalent body remains in force”;

(d) in sub-paragraph (1)(g), after “suspended”, insert “and, at the time of the application, such order or direction remains in force”;

(e) after sub-paragraph (1)(g), insert—

“;

(h) the Board is not satisfied, after an inspection of the premises where the applicant intends to provide general ophthalmic services, that the premises comply with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Schedule 1;

(i) the Board is not satisfied that the applicant (except where the applicant is a body corporate) has the knowledge of English which, in the interests of the applicant and of patients who may receive general ophthalmic services from the applicant, is necessary for providing, or assisting with the provision of general ophthalmic services.”.

(5) In regulation 9 (deferment of decision on application), in paragraph (1)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (h), after “of that body corporate;”, omit “or”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (i), insert—

“; or

(j) after an inspection of the premises for the purposes of regulation 7(4B)-(4E), the Board provided the applicant with a reasonable period of time to carry out such work as the Board has specified in order to ensure that the premises meet the required standard to comply with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Schedule 1.”.

(6) In regulation 11 (suspension), in sub-paragraph (1)(d), after “Tribunal”, insert “or equivalent body”.

(7) In regulation 12 (removal from Ophthalmic List)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(d), for “has been”, substitute “is”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(e), after “disqualification”, insert “(and that refusal or removal is still in force)”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (1)(f), after “suspended”, insert “(and that erasure, removal or suspension is still in force)”.
- (8) In regulation 22 (application for an eye examination), after paragraph (3), insert—
- “(3A) Where an eye examination is a primary eye examination, that examination shall not be carried out more frequently than the frequency set down in Table C of Schedule 3, except in the circumstances as provided for in paragraph (3B).
- (3B) The maximum frequency set down in Table C of Schedule 3 does not apply where—
- (a) the optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner who is carrying out the eye examination does not have access to or means to access the patient’s records;
 - (b) the eye examination is carried out no more than four weeks before the patient’s next primary eye examination would be due in accordance with Table C of that Schedule.
- (3C) Where an eye examination is carried out more frequently than the frequency set down in Table C of Schedule 3, and paragraph (3B) does not apply, it shall be undertaken as a supplementary eye examination.”.
- (9) In Schedule 1 (terms of service)—
- (a) in paragraph 6 (premises and equipment), for sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), substitute—

“(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a contractor shall provide proper, sufficient and appropriate premises, equipment and procedures for the provision of general ophthalmic services at the practice premises.

(2) A contractor who provides general ophthalmic services at a mobile surgery shall provide proper, sufficient and appropriate mobile surgery equipment and procedures for the provision of general ophthalmic services.”;
 - (b) in paragraph 7 (notices)—
 - (i) for “a notice and leaflet”, insert “notices and leaflets”;
 - (ii) after “the Board”, insert “or the Agency”;
 - (c) in paragraph 14 (eye examinations)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (1)(b), omit the words from “following” to “cycloplegic refraction”;
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (1), insert—

“(1A) An ophthalmic medical practitioner or optician who accepts in accordance with these regulations an application under sub-paragraph (1) shall carry out each specific mandatory test and procedure specified in Schedule 3 or Schedule 4 as appropriate unless—

 - (a) the ophthalmic medical practitioner or optician considers that the patient has a physical or mental condition which would make the carrying out of one or more specified test(s) or procedure(s) clinically inappropriate, or
 - (b) the patient has refused to undertake one or more specified test(s) or procedure(s).”;
 - (iii) omit sub-paragraph (2);
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (4)—
 - (aa) for paragraph (i) substitute—

- “(i) refer the patient either to his or her doctor or to an ophthalmic hospital.”;
- (bb) in paragraph (ii), before “inform” insert—
- “in the case of a referral to an ophthalmic hospital.”;
- (v) omit sub-paragraph (5).
- (10) In Part A of Schedule 2 (information, certificates, consents, declarations and undertakings to be included in an application for inclusion in the first part of the Ophthalmic List)—
- (a) in paragraph 1—
- (i) in sub-paragraph (a), before “the applicant’s”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate.”;
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), before “a full description”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate.”;
- (iii) in sub-paragraph (j), before “chronological details”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate.”;
- (iv) in sub-paragraph (k), after “applicant”, insert “(and, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, all directors of the body corporate)”;
- (v) in sub-paragraph (l), before “name and addresses”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate.”;
- (vi) in sub-paragraph (m), before “if the applicant”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate.”;
- (vii) in sub-paragraph (n) for “the name and registered office of that body”, substitute “or, if the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, the body corporate’s name, registered office and registered number, telephone number, e-mail address and a list of the full names, dates of birth, private addresses and (if they have one) the national insurance numbers, of all the directors and the secretary”;
- (viii) in sub-paragraph (o), after “applicant”, insert “(and, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, all directors of the body corporate)”;
- (b) in paragraph 3, for sub-paragraph (a), substitute—
- “(a) an enhanced criminal record certificate in relation to the applicant or, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, in relation to each director, dated not earlier than 28 days before the date of the application; or
- (aa) an application for such certificate required in terms of sub-paragraph (a) duly completed and signed by the applicant or, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, completed and signed by each director of that body corporate; and”;
- (c) in paragraph 4(d)—
- (i) after “the applicant”, where it appears for the first time, insert—
- “and, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, all directors of the body corporate.”; and
- (ii) after “or former employer of the applicant”, insert “or of any director as the case may be”.
- (11) In Part B of Schedule 2 (information, consents, declarations, certificates and undertakings to be included in an application for inclusion in the second part of the Ophthalmic List)—
- (a) in paragraph 1—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (a), before “the applicant’s”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate,”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), before “a full description”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate,”;
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (e), before “chronological details”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate,”;
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (f), after “applicant”, insert “(and, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, all directors of the body corporate)”;
 - (v) in sub-paragraph (g), before “name and addresses”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate,”;
 - (vi) in sub-paragraph (h), before “if the applicant”, insert “except where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate,”;
 - (vii) in sub-paragraph (i), for “the name and registered office of that body”, substitute “or, if the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, the body corporate’s name, registered office and registered number, telephone number, e-mail address and a list of the full names, dates of birth, private addresses and (if they have one) the national insurance numbers, of all the directors and the secretary”;
 - (viii) in sub-paragraph (i), after “applicant”, insert “(and, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, all directors of the body corporate)”;
 - (ix) in paragraph 3, for sub-paragraph (a), substitute—
 - “(a) an enhanced criminal record certificate in relation to the applicant or, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, in relation to each director, dated not earlier than 28 days before the date of the application; or
 - (aa) an application for such certificate required in terms of sub-paragraph (a) duly completed and signed by the applicant or, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, completed and signed by each director of that body corporate; and”;
 - (b) in paragraph 4(d)—
 - (i) after “the applicant”, where it appears for the first time, insert—

“and, where the applicant is an optician that is a body corporate, all directors of the body corporate,”; and
 - (ii) after “or former employer”, insert “of the applicant or of any director as the case may be”.
- (12) For Schedule 3 of the 2006 Regulations (Primary Eye Examination) substitute Schedule 1 of these Regulations.
- (13) For Schedule 4 of the 2006 Regulations (Supplementary Eye Examination) substitute Schedule 2 of these Regulations.
- (14) For Schedule 5 of the 2006 Regulations (Records) substitute Schedule 3 of these Regulations.

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(12)

“SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 2(1)

PRIMARY EYE EXAMINATION

TABLE A

THE TESTS AND PROCEDURES SPECIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DEFINITION OF PRIMARY EYE EXAMINATION IN REGULATION 2(1)

The taking of a detailed history and symptoms, including relevant medical, family, or ocular history
The recording of unaided vision, visual acuity or pinhole vision as appropriate
Sight test – appropriate to the presenting signs, symptoms, and aided / unaided acuity
A pupillary assessment including testing for relative size, shape, direct, consensual and near responses
An examination appropriate to the reason for referral from a medical practitioner or other carer
An eye health assessment appropriate to the patient’s needs and presenting signs and symptoms
An internal eye examination using direct ophthalmoscope and/or slit lamp / head mounted biomicroscopy
The external examination of the eyes using slit lamp biomicroscopy and appropriate diagnostic agents
A relevant assessment of extra ocular motor function; oculo-motor balance and ocular motility
A visual field assessment
The communication of the clinical findings, including preparation of a referral letter and clinical report (where appropriate), results and diagnosis to the patient, his or her carer (where appropriate), and other appropriate health professionals as agreed by the patient and/or his or her carer.

TABLE B

THE TESTS AND PROCEDURES SPECIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DEFINITION OF PRIMARY EYE EXAMINATION IN REGULATION 2(1)

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Children aged under 16 years (where the optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner which is carrying out the eye examination does not have access to or means to access the patient’s records)	On first appointment stereopsis and, where clinically appropriate, colour vision
Children aged under 16 years (where the optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner carrying out the eye examination does have	Colour vision and stereopsis where clinically appropriate

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
access to or means to access the patient's records)	
Adults aged 40 and over	Intra ocular pressure measurement
Adults aged 40 years and over who have a close family history of Glaucoma	Intra ocular pressure measurement, automated suprathreshold visual field tests, and assessment of the optic nerve head
Adults aged 60 years and over ((i) where the optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner which is carrying out the eye examination does not have access to or means to access the patient's records or (ii) where the optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner does have access or means to access the patient's records and it is the patient's first examination after having reached his or her 60th birthday)	(i) Automated Supra-threshold fields (ii) The performance of slit lamp / head mounted biomicroscopy with mydriasis (iii) Digital Fundus imaging
Subject to the provisions of the row above, adults aged 61 years and over (where the optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner carrying out the eye examination does have access to or means to access the patient's records)	(i) Automated Supra-threshold fields as clinically indicated (ii) The performance of slit lamp / head mounted biomicroscopy with mydriasis (iii) Digital fundus imaging
Patients discharged from an ophthalmic hospital following a cataract operation	Postoperative cataract examination and sight test
Patients presenting with suspect vitreo retinal disorder aged 60 years and over	Vitreous examination and fundus assessment by dilated slit lamp biomicroscopy (with condensing lens) and/or indirect headset and/or gonio fundus lens
Patients with suspect glaucoma or ocular hypertensives	Intra ocular pressure measurement, automated supra-threshold visual field assessments, and assessment of the optic nerve head
Patients with suspect macular disorders aged 60 years and over	(i) Internal Eye examination with mydriasis, using slit lamp biomicroscopy (ii) Test to investigate sudden onset of visual distortion in one or both eyes
Patients with cataract aged 60 years and over	Internal Eye examination with mydriasis when a clear view of the fundus cannot be obtained without mydriasis, using slit lamp biomicroscopy or head mounted indirect ophthalmoscopy

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<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Depending on the patient’s presenting signs and symptoms	<p>(a) Standard tests such as binocular function and stereopsis, amplitude of accommodation, colour vision, confrontation fields and other appropriate tests excluding the following tests and procedures when undertaken as part of a supplementary eye examination on the same day:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">cycloplegic refraction;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">dilated slit lamp biomicroscopy for patients aged under 60 with suspect cataracts, suspect macular disorders, suspect diabetic retinopathy, suspect vitreo retinal disorders, suspect glaucoma, suspect neurological symptoms, suspect tumour risk, small pupils measuring 2 mm or under</p> <p>(b) Issue advice and instruction to patients prior to referral into a care pathway, shared care scheme or a level 2 optometric examination</p> <p>(c) Direct referral, where clinically appropriate, to an ophthalmic hospital, to the patient’s General Practitioner, or to another Optometrist</p>

THE FREQUENCY OF PRIMARY EYE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATION 22(3A) AND (3B)

TABLE C

<i>Category of Patients</i>	<i>Maximum frequency at which primary eye examinations are to be carried out</i>
Patients under 16 years	Annually
Patients aged between 16 years and 59 years	Biennially
Patients aged 60 years or over	Annually
Patients with glaucoma	Annually
Patients aged 40 years or over with a close family* history of glaucoma	Annually
*father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter	
Patients with ocular hypertension	Annually
Patients with diabetes	Annually”

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SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3(13)

“SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 2(1)

SUPPLEMENTARY EYE EXAMINATION

THE TESTS AND PROCEDURES SPECIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DEFINITION OF SUPPLEMENTARY EYE EXAMINATION IN REGULATION 2(1)

1. The patient’s relevant medical, family or ocular history should be updated and the reason for and date of visit should be recorded.
2. Where clinically appropriate, a patient should be referred directly to an ophthalmic hospital, to the patient’s General Practitioner, or to another Optometrist.

TABLE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Following routine sight test;	Cycloplegic sight test
Paediatric follow up within six months of the previous examination	A sight test; Oculo-motor balance; and Stereopsis
Referral refinement / Repeat or follow-up procedures	To include, as required: A sight test where this could not be undertaken as part of the primary eye examination due to eye infection, disease or injury Repeat of automated visual field assessment by full threshold visual fields; Repeat tonometry using applanation tonometry; Slit lamp biomicroscopy, which may include mydriasis, and / or digital retinal photography; Also to include where referring: general referral advice and counselling specific to the referral reason
Suspect glaucoma, unusual optic disc appearance, or where other retinal or	To include, as required:

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<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
choroidal abnormalities have been detected during the primary eye examination	Repeat of automated visual field assessment by full threshold visual fields; Repeat tonometry using applanation tonometry; Slit lamp biomicroscopy which may include mydriasis
Patient aged under 60 with suspect cataracts, suspect macular disorder, suspect diabetic retinopathy, suspect vitreo retinal disorders, suspect glaucoma, suspect neurological symptoms, suspect tumour risk, small pupils measuring 2 mm or under.	Dilated slit lamp biomicroscopy, and any other tests and procedures appropriate to the patients' symptoms
Suspect or diagnosed anterior segment disorders, damage or infections, as detailed in the patient's record, including corneal abrasion, foreign body, dry eye, conjunctivitis, red eye, scleritis, episcleritis, iritis, or uveitis	External eye assessment using slit lamp and relevant diagnostic agents
Children aged under 16 years on referral by an ophthalmic hospital	Cycloplegic sight test
Patients discharged from an ophthalmic hospital following a cataract operation	Postoperative cataract examination and sight test
Patient presenting with reduced visual acuity, sudden vision loss, sudden onset flashes and floaters, or neurological symptoms	sight test, macular assessment tests, slit lamp biomicroscopy which may include mydriasis, and any other tests and procedures appropriate to the patient's signs and symptoms"

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 3(14)

“SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 2(1)

RECORDS

1. An ophthalmic medical practitioner or optician shall keep the following data in records (this data is a record of patient details, symptoms, tests performed and results thereof):—

Personal Patient Data (primary eye examination)	Name, title, address, telephone number, Date of Birth, General Practitioner's details, Community Health Index number (where available), occupation, driver Yes/No, relevant interests, date of examination
Symptoms & History (primary eye examination)	Presenting signs & symptoms and reason for visit, past ocular history, past medical history, family ocular and patient's own medical history, medication, reason for referral to or from the ophthalmic medical

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	practitioner or optician, smoker yes/no (if relevant), if family history, or symptoms of age related macular degeneration.
Personal Patient Data (supplementary eye examination)	Update of Name, title, address, telephone number, General Practitioner's details, occupation and date of examination
Symptoms & History (supplementary eye examination)	Presenting signs & symptoms, reason for visit or for referral to or from the ophthalmic medical practitioner or optician, update of ocular and medical history and medication
For all eye examinations:	
Diagnosis / Findings	Record of all findings and any diagnosis or outcomes. Record of reason why any specified/expected procedure or test was not carried out. Where digital fundus photographs have been taken, the photographs should be retained either in electronic form or in hard copy and backed up either in electronic form or hard copy. Where a drug has been issued to a patient, a record of the batch number of that drug, the expiry date and the date when that drug was administered to the patient should be kept, either in the patient record or in a register held at the practice for the specific purpose of recording the drugs which have been administered.
Communication	Note any advice, statements, reports or referrals issued to the patient or made on behalf of the patient
Data to be recorded where appropriate for tests and procedures specified in the Tables A and B in Schedule 3 and the Table in Schedule 4:	
External Examination	A record of all relevant findings, technique and apparatus used
Internal Examination	A record of whether this was with or without mydriasis, the technique, apparatus and diagnostic agents used and a full description of the ocular media, fundus, blood vessels, optic disc and macula
Neurological Assessment	All relevant tests undertaken, which may include pupil assessment – relative size, shape, direct, consensual and near responses
Oculo-Motor Function	All relevant tests undertaken which may include cover test, convergence, muscle balance, motility, stereopsis, amplitude of accommodation
Visual Fields	Record findings, technique and apparatus used
Intra Ocular Pressure	Intra ocular pressure measurement, type of tonometer and time of measurement

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Sight test	Objective/subjective findings, unaided vision, pinhole acuity, visual acuity, back vertex distance (over 5D), prescription issued, dispensing details
Colour Vision	Record findings and test procedure
Imaging	Record reference to any electronic images taken. Where any electronic images have been taken, the image should be retained either in electronic form or in hard copy and backed up either in electronic form or hard copy.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (“the Regulations”), which make provisions as to the arrangements for the provision of general ophthalmic services under the National Health Service in Scotland, and for the preparation and maintenance by each Health Board in Scotland of an Ophthalmic List.

Regulation 3(2) amends regulation 2(1) of the Regulations by amending the definitions of “primary eye examination”, “records” and “supplementary eye examination”.

Regulation 3(3) amends regulation 7 of the Regulations. Regulation 7(1) and (8) is amended so that applications to be included in the Ophthalmic List include application forms for enhanced criminal record certificates, which are submitted as part of the main application. Regulation 7(1B) is inserted so that an application by an optician that is a body corporate must be signed by all the directors of that body corporate. Regulation 7(2) is amended so that an optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner, who is included in the Ophthalmic List, must notify each Board to whose Ophthalmic List he or she is on within 7 days if there is any change to the information submitted for the purpose of the original application. Regulation 7(3)(d) is amended to place an obligation on the Board to obtain any enhanced criminal record certificate required before determining an application. Regulations 7(4A), (4B), (4C), (4D) and (4E) are inserted to enable a Board to require a meeting with the applicant and to inspect the proposed practice premises prior to determining an application. Regulation 7(12) is inserted to place an obligation on an applicant to notify the Board which is considering its application in writing if there is any change to any of the information submitted for the purposes of the application.

Regulation 3(4) amends regulation 8 of the Regulations. Regulation 8(1)(c) and (1)(d) is amended so that an applicant is refused inclusion on an Ophthalmic List where he or she is disqualified or suspended. Regulation 8(1)(h) and (i) is inserted to provide further criteria for when a Board may refuse to include an applicant on its Ophthalmic List.

Regulation 3(5) and (6) make minor amendments to regulations 9 and 11 of the Regulations.

Regulation 3(7) amends regulation 12 of the Regulations so that a person may be removed from a Board’s Ophthalmic List where he or she is disqualified.

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Regulation 3(8) amends regulation 22 of the Regulations to make provision for the new Table C in Schedule 3 and to prescribe the maximum frequency at which primary eye examinations should be carried out.

Regulation 3(9) amends Schedule 1 to the Regulations. Minor amendments are made to paragraphs 6 and 7. Paragraph 14 is amended so that an Ophthalmic Medical Practitioner or optician shall carry out each specific mandatory test and procedure specified in Schedules 3 and 4 as appropriate unless the patient has a mental or physical condition which would make that inappropriate or the patient has refused to undertake such tests. Paragraph 14(5) is deleted.

Regulation 3(10) and (11) amend Part A and Part B of Schedule 2 to the Regulations to ensure that the various obligations to submit information as part of an application to be included on an Ophthalmic List are applied or disapplied appropriately in the case of a corporate body. Paragraph 3 of Part A and Part B of Schedule 2 are amended so that where an application includes an enhanced criminal record certificate, the applicant must also submit the corresponding application.

Regulations 3(12),(13) and (14) insert revised schedules 3, 4 and 5.