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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1994 No. 3327**

**OPTICIANS**

**The General Optical Council (Maximum  
Penalty) Order of Council 1994**

*Made* - - - - 29th December 1994  
*Laid before Parliament* 6th January 1995  
*Coming into force* - - 27th January 1995

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 29th day of December 1994  
By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas by section 16(2) of the Opticians Act 1989<sup>(1)</sup> the maximum penalty which may be specified in a penalty order is set at £1,000 or such sum as is for the time being substituted by an order in force under section 16(3) of that Act:

And whereas it appears to Their Lordships that there has been a change in the value of money since the last occasion when the maximum penalty was fixed by the coming into force of the original penalty provision<sup>(2)</sup> and that a new maximum penalty of £1,600 is justified by the change:

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, in exercise of the powers conferred on Them by section 16(3) of the Opticians Act 1989, and of all other powers enabling Them in that behalf, are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**Citation and Commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Maximum Penalty) Order of Council 1994 and shall come into force on 27th January 1995.

**Substitution of Maximum Penalty**

2. In section 16(2) of the Opticians Act 1989, for the sum “£1,000” there shall be substituted the sum “£1,600”.

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(1) 1989 c. 44.

(2) “The original penalty provision” means section 10c of the Opticians Act 1958 (c. 32) (which was inserted in that Act by section 4 of the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c. 48) and replaced by section 16 of the Opticians Act 1989).

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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*R. P. Bulling*  
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides that the maximum penalty to be specified in a penalty order made by the Disciplinary Committee of the General Optical Council shall be increased from £1,000, at which figure the maximum penalty was fixed in 1984, to £1,600. This increase of 60% reflects the change in the value of money between July 1984 and August 1994, calculated by reference to the Retail Price Index.