

Council Directive of 29 May 1990 on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment (fifth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 87/391/EEC) (90/270/EEC)

SECTION II

**EMPLOYERS' OBLIGATIONS**

*Article 9*

**Protection of workers' eyes and eyesight**

- 1 Workers shall be entitled to an appropriate eye and eyesight test carried out by a person with the necessary capabilities:
  - before commencing display screen work,
  - at regular intervals thereafter, and
  - if they experience visual difficulties which may be due to display screen work.
- 2 Workers shall be entitled to an ophthalmological examination if the results of the test referred to in paragraph 1 show that this is necessary.
- 3 If the results of the test referred to in paragraph 1 or of the examination referred to in paragraph 2 show that it is necessary and if normal corrective appliances cannot be used, workers must be provided with special corrective appliances appropriate for the work concerned.
- 4 Measures taken pursuant to this Article may in no circumstances involve workers in additional financial cost.
- 5 Protection of workers' eyes and eyesight may be provided as part of a national health system.