

1982 No. 61

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1982

Made 4th March 1982

Coming into operation 1st April 1982

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department(a) of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1982.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(c) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) for regulation 18(1)(a) there shall be substituted:

“(a) in respect of the supply of a lens of any description referred to in Schedule 3 of the amount specified in that Schedule opposite the description of that lens, provided that the total charge for a lens shall in no case exceed £15, but where more than one pair of lenses is supplied following a new prescription or a change of prescription the charge for each lens supplied after the first two shall be reduced by 80p;”

(2) for Part 1 of Schedule 3 there shall be substituted:

“SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 8

PART 1

Lenses

1. SINGLE-VISION GLASS (CURVED OR FLAT)

Spherical Power (Plus or minus)	Spherical	Cylindrical or Sphero-cylindrical Cylindrical Power (plus or minus)	
		0.25 to 2.00	2.25 or more
Plano to 2.00	£3.70	£4.15	£4.85
2.25 to 4.00	£3.85	£4.35	£5.25
4.25 to 6.00	£4.05	£4.95	£5.65
6.25 to 8.00	£6.05	£7.00	£7.85
8.25 or more	£6.80	£8.60	£9.25

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8

(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 372: The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1977 No. 80 and S.R. 1981 No. 60

2. SINGLE-VISION PLASTIC, LENTICULAR, FROSTED, CHAVASSED	...	£4.15
3. FUSED GLASS SPHERICAL BIFOCAL	...	£8.40
4. FUSED GLASS ASTIGMATIC BIFOCAL	...	£9.15
5. SOLID GLASS BIFOCAL		
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<i>Segment size</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	<i>Astigmatic</i>
38mm	£10.15	£11.10
45mm	£12.35	£13.30
22mm	£13.65	£14.60
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6. LENS OF ANY OTHER DESCRIPTION	...	£7.90

Extras (Payable in addition to charges above)

7. PRISMS		
Single-vision lenses up to 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	...	£2.35
Single-vision lenses over 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	...	£1.45
Bifocal lenses	...	£1.00
8. TINTS		
Single-vision lenses	...	£2.00
Bifocals	...	£4.00
9. The total charge for a lens shall in no case exceed £15."		

Application

3. These regulations shall apply only to the supply of an optical appliance under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 where the testing of sight or the first testing of sight leading to the supply of that appliance or the making of the arrangements in pursuance of which the appliance is supplied takes place after 31st March 1982

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 4th March 1982.

(L.S.)

S. W. McDowell

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 4th March 1982.

(L.S.)

J. M. Dowdall

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 by providing for:—

- (a) an increase in the charges for lenses supplied under general ophthalmic services;
- (b) an increase in the number of charge bands from 5 to 25;
- (c) the introduction of extra charges for prisms and tints; and
- (d) a maximum charge of £15.00 in respect of the total charge for any lens.