
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 (“the principal Regulations”).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations in order to include a definition of an income-based jobseeker’s allowance.

Regulation 3(2)(a) removes the capital restriction relating to disability working allowance so that everyone in receipt of this, and members of their families will be eligible for general ophthalmic services.

Regulation 3(2)(b) and (3) extends the categories of eligibility for general ophthalmic services to include people in receipt of an income-based jobseeker’s allowance, and also members of the same family as such people.