

2001 No. 339

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**

**General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2001**

*Made* . . . . . 2nd October 2001

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 12th October 2001

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety<sup>(a)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 62, 106 and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972<sup>(b)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of medical practitioners practising as ophthalmic medical practitioners, and ophthalmic opticians, as required by Article 62(3) of the said Order, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 12th October 2001.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the General Ophthalmic Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986<sup>(c)</sup>.

*Amendment of regulation 15 of the principal Regulations*

2. In regulation 15(2)(c) and (g) of the principal Regulations (sight tests — eligibility) for “£70·00” on each occasion it appears there shall be substituted “£71·00”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 2nd October 2001.

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A Senior Officer of the Department of Health,  
Social Services and Public Safety

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(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), *see* Article 3(6)  
(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 3(1) and (2), paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, Article 17 and Part I of Schedule 6; S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) Article 8(1) and (2); S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Part I of Schedule 5  
(c) S.R. 1986 No. 163; regulation 15 was substituted by S.R. 1989 No. 113, sub-paragraph (2)(g) was added by S.R. 1995 No. 115, and sub-paragraphs (2)(c) and (g) were substituted by S.R. 1999 No. 394

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on 2nd October 2001.

(L.S.)

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Finance and Personnel

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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”) which provide for the arrangements under which ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians provide General Ophthalmic Services.

The Regulations increase the income level applying to recipients of tax credits for the purposes of calculating whether a person’s resources shall be treated as being less than, or equal to, his requirements in determining eligibility for Health Service sight tests from £70.00 to £71.00.

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