

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2013 No. 204**

**Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and shall come into operation on 1 September 2013.

(2) In these Regulations “the Principal Regulations” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(1).

**Amendment of regulation 19 of the principal Regulations**

2. In regulation 19 of the principal Regulations (redemption value of voucher for replacement or repair)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£54.20” substitute “£54.70”; and
- (b) in paragraph (3) for “£14.00” substitute “£14.10”.

**Amendments of the Schedules to the principal Regulations**

3.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (voucher letter codes and face values – supply and replacement)(2), in column 3 (face value of voucher), for each amount specified in column 1 of the Table below (old amount) substitute the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Table (new amount).

**Table**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Old Amount</i>	<i>New Amount</i>
£37.10	£37.50
£56.40	£57.00
£82.60	£83.40
£186.50	£188.40
£64.20	£64.80
£81.60	£82.40
£105.80	£106.90

(1) S.R. 1997 No. 191; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1998 No. 86, S.R. 1999 Nos. 111 and 394, S.R. 2000 No.51, S.R. 2001 No. 133, S.R. 2002 No. 85, S.R. 2003 Nos.176 and 424, S.R. 2004 Nos. 92, 113, 162 and 188, S.R. 2005 No. 71, S.R. 2006 No. 106, S.R. 2007 No. 141, S.R. 2008 Nos. 128 and 423, S.R. 2009 No. 153, S.R. 2012 No. 259

(2) Schedule 1 is substituted by the Schedule to S.R. 1999 No. 111 and amended by S.R. 2012 No. 259

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<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Old Amount</i>	<i>New Amount</i>
£205.10	£207.20
£191.00	£192.90

(2) In Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, small and special glasses and complex appliances)—

- (a) in paragraph 1(1)(a) (prism – single vision lens) for “£12.10” substitute “£12.20”;
- (b) in paragraph 1(1)(b) (prism – other lens) for “£14.60” substitute “£14.70”;
- (c) in paragraph 1(1)(e) (small glasses)—
  - (i) in sub-head (i) for “£61.20” substitute “£61.80”;
  - (ii) in sub-head (ii) for “£54.20” substitute “£54.75”; and
  - (iii) in sub-head (iii) for “£29.30” substitute “£29.60”;
- (d) in paragraph 1(1)(g) (specially manufactured frames) for “£61.20” substitute “£61.80”;
- (e) in paragraph 2(a) (minimum complex appliance payment – single vision lenses) for “£14.00” substitute “£14.10”; and
- (f) in paragraph 2(b) (minimum complex appliance payment – other cases) for “£35.50” substitute “£35.90”.

(3) For Schedule 3 to the principal Regulations (voucher value – repair)(3), substitute Schedule 3 as set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

### **Application of Regulations 2 and 3**

4. The amendments made in regulations 2 and 3 apply only in relation to a voucher accepted or used pursuant to regulation 12 or regulation 17 of the principal Regulations on or after 1 September 2013.

Seal with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 30 July 2013.



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The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing regulations.  
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