

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1986 (“the 1986 Regulations”), which provide for arrangements under which ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians provide general ophthalmic services under the National Health Service.

Regulation 2(2) inserts a definition of “severe disability element” into the 1986 Regulations.

Regulation 2(3)(a) amends regulation 14 of the 1986 Regulations to extend the description of persons entitled to have their sight tested under general ophthalmic services to include a person who is a member of a family, one member of which is receiving working tax credit with a severe disability element.

Regulation 2(3)(b) amends regulation 14 of the 1986 Regulations by raising the relevant income level of a person or persons at the time an award of a tax credit is made under section 14 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 from £14,200 to £14,600.