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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

**The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2005**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>2nd March 2005</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish Parliament</i>	<i>3rd March 2005</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>6th April 2005</i>

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 26, 105(7) and 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 6th April 2005.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1986(b).

Amendment of regulation 14 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 14 of the principal Regulations (sight tests – eligibility)(c), in paragraph (2)(k)(ii) for “£14,600” substitute “£15,050”.

RHONA BRANKIN

Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew’s House,
Edinburgh
2nd March 2005

(a) 1978 c.29; section 26 was amended by the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c.48), section 1(5), Schedule 1, Part II, paragraphs 1 to 4, and Schedule 8, and by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c.49), section 13(4); section 105(7) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5, and Schedule 7, and by the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41), Schedule 9, paragraph 24 and by the Health Act 1999 (c.8), Schedule 4, paragraph 60; section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(b) S.I. 1986/965.

(c) Regulation 14 was substituted by S.I. 1989/387 and amended by S.I. 1995/704, 1996/2353, and 1999/725 and S.S.I. 1999/55, 2001/62, 2002/86, 2003/201, 432, 2004/98, and 169.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

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

Regulation 2 amends regulation 14 of the principal Regulations by raising the relevant income level of a person or persons entitled to a free National Health Service sight test at the time an award of a tax credit is made under section 14 of the Tax Credit Act 2002 from £14,600 to £15,050.

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