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## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1983

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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st April 1983

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 78(1) and 79 of and paragraphs 2(1) and (2), 3(1), (2) and (3) and 5 of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977 (a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

*Amendments to the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Regulations 1978*

2. The National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Regulations 1978 (b) are further amended as follows—

- (a) in regulation 4(1) for “£48” there is substituted “£50”, for “£24” there is substituted “£26” and for “£13” there is substituted “£13.50”;
- (b) in regulation 6 for “£13” there is substituted “£13.50” and for “£90” there is substituted “£95”;
- (c) in regulation 7(2) for “80p” there is substituted “95p”;
- (d) in regulation 7(4) for “£15” there is substituted “£15.50”;
- (e) for Schedule 1 there is substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 1	Regulation 3
DENTAL APPLIANCES	
(1) <i>Description of Appliance</i>	(2) <i>Charge</i>
1. A metal or porcelain based denture—	
having 1 to 3 teeth	£40.00
having 4 to 8 teeth	£42.00
having more than 8 teeth	£44.00
2. More than one metal or porcelain based denture	£80.00

(a) 1977 c. 49.

(b) S.I. 1978/950; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1979/677, 1980/352, 987, 1981/307, 1982/284.

3. A denture based in material other than metal or porcelain—
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|--------------------------|--------|
| having 1 to 3 teeth      | £22.00 |
| having 4 to 8 teeth      | £23.00 |
| having more than 8 teeth | £24.00 |
4. More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain £38.00

*Note:* A bridge which takes the place of any teeth is deemed to be a denture having that number of teeth (a).”;

(f) for Schedule 2 there is substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 7  
OPTICAL APPLIANCES

PART I

*Single-Vision Glass Lenses (Curved or Flat)*

(1) Spherical Power (plus or minus)	(2) Spherical	(3) Cylindrical or Sphero-cylindrical Cylindrical Power (plus or minus) 0.25 to 2.00	(4) 2.25 or more
Plano to 2.00	£4.00	£4.45	£5.65
2.25 to 4.00	£4.15	£4.65	£6.10
4.25 to 6.00	£4.35	£5.25	£6.55
6.25 or more	£7.00	£8.05	£8.95

PART II

*Solid Glass Bifocal Lenses*

(1) Segment Size	(2) Spherical	(3) Astigmatic
38mm	£11.65	£12.70
45mm	£14.05	£15.10
22mm	£15.50	£15.50

PART III

*Other Lenses*

(1) Description of Lens	(2) Amount of Charge
Single-Vision Plastic, lenticular, frosted or chavasse lens	£4.65
Fused glass spherical bifocal lens	£9.60
Fused glass astigmatic bifocal lens	£10.30
Lens of any other description	£9.20

(a) See paragraph 6 of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977.

## PART IV

*Additional Charges in respect of Prisms or Tints clinically necessary*

(1) Description of Lens	(2) Incorporation of Worked Prism	(3) Incorporation of Tint
Single-vision lens up to 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	£2.80	} £2.40
over 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	£1.70	
Bifocal lens	£1.20	£4.80."

*Amendment to the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974*

3. In regulation 6 (Determination of requirements and resources) of the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974(a), for sub-paragraph (2)(b) (ii) there is substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(ii) such amount (if any) as is considered reasonable to meet housing costs;”.

*Application*

4. These regulations apart from regulation 3 shall apply only in relation to—

- (a) the supply of dental or optical appliances otherwise than under Part II of the National Health Service Act 1977 where the examination or testing of sight, or the first such examination or testing, leading to such supply takes place after 31st March 1983;
- (b) the provision of general dental services where the contract or arrangement leading to the supply as part of those services of a dental appliance or to the provision other than such supply of dental services is made after that date;
- (c) the supply of optical appliances under Part II of that Act where the testing of sight leading to the supply of those appliances or the first such testing takes place after that date.

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3rd March 1983.

(a) S.I. 1974/1377; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1975/1687, 1976/1823, 1980/1659.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations further amend the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Regulations 1978 by increasing the charges for the supply of certain dental and optical appliances and for the provision of dental treatment under the National Health Service Act 1977.

They further amend the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974 by substituting, in the list of items treated as included in the requirements of a person in determining them where such person claims remission of charges, for an amount for repayment of mortgage capital, an amount for housing costs.

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