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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 1176**

**The Sight Testing (Examination  
and Prescription) Regulations 1989**

**Particulars to be included in a prescription or statement**

5.—(1) A prescription provided in fulfilment of the duty imposed by section 20B(2) of the Act shall include—

- (a) particulars of any spherical power of each lens to be included in the appliance prescribed and, where appropriate, particulars of the cylindrical power (including particulars of its axis), prismatic power (including particulars of the orientation of the prism) and near addition of each such lens;
- (b) the date of the testing of sight;
- (c) the name and address of the patient and, if he is under the age of 16, his date of birth;
- (d) the name and practice address of the doctor or optician who carried out the testing of sight;
- (e) the address at which, or the name of the hospital, clinic, nursing home or other institution at which, the testing of sight was carried out; and
- (f) where the patient, before his sight was tested, had been prescribed an optical appliance and the doctor or optician is satisfied that the particulars of the prescription specified in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph are—
  - (i) the same as those relating to that appliance, or
  - (ii) different from those relating to that appliance but not so as to necessitate, in the opinion of the doctor or optician, a change in that appliance

a statement to the effect that no change in the patient's existing appliance is necessary.

(2) The statement provided in fulfilment of the duty imposed by section 20B(2) of the Act shall (in addition to stating that the patient does not need to wear or use an optical appliance) include the particulars specified in paragraph (1)(b), (c), (d) and (e).