

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

Regulation 2 amends the contractors' terms of service. The amendment requires a contractor to test a patient's sight to determine whether or not he needs an optical appliance and to comply with the statutory requirements imposed by and under section 20B of the Opticians Act 1958 (which provides for duties to be performed on sight testing). It also imposes a new requirement on a contractor who tests the sight of a patient diagnosed as suffering from diabetes or glaucoma to inform the patient's doctor of the results of the test.