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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1994 No. 131**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The National Health Service (Optical Charges  
and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1994**

*Made* - - - - 26th January 1994  
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*Coming into force* - - 21st February 1994

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred on her by section 126(4) of, and paragraph 2A of Schedule 12 to, the National Health Service Act 1977(1) and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1994 and shall come into force on 21st February 1994.

**Amendment of regulation 1 of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1989**

2. In regulation 1(2) of the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1989(2) (interpretation), in the definition of “NHS sight test fee”—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for “£33.75p” there is substituted “£34.22”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for “£12.75p” there is substituted “£12.92”.

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(1) 1977 c. 49; see section 128(1) as amended by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) (“the 1990 Act”), section 26(2)(g) and (i), for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”. Section 126(4) was amended by the 1990 Act, section 65(2). Paragraph 2A of Schedule 12 was inserted by the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c. 48), Schedule 1, Part I, paragraph 3 and amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 13(2) and (3).

(2) S.I.1989/396; relevant amending instruments are S.I.1991/2465 (which substituted a new definition of “NHS sight test fee”) and S.I. 1992/404.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

26th January 1994

*Brian Mawhinney*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Health

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1989, which provide for payments to be made by means of a voucher system in respect of costs incurred by certain categories of persons in connection with the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances.

Regulation 2 further amends the definition of “NHS sight test fee” in regulation 1(2) of the 1989 Regulations by increasing by approximately 1⅓% the amount by which entitlement to assistance with the cost of a private sight test, and the value of a voucher towards such cost or towards the supply of glasses or contact lenses, is calculated.