

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1989 (“the principal Regulations”) 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 of these Regulations amends the definition in regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulations of “NHS sight test fee” to increase by approximately 1.78% the amount by reference to which entitlement to assistance with the cost of a private sight test (other than one carried out at a place where the patient normally resides), and the value of a voucher towards such cost or towards the cost of the supply (in certain circumstances) of glasses or contact lenses, is calculated.