

1984 No. 65

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES****General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1984***Made* . . . . . 7th March 1984*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st April 1984

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1984.

*Amendment of regulations*

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(c) shall be further amended as follows:

- (1) in regulation 18(2) for "95p" there shall be substituted "£1.00";
- (2) in regulation 18(3) for "£15.50" there shall be substituted "£16.50";
- (3) for Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

**"SCHEDULE 3**

Regulation 18

**OPTICAL APPLIANCES****PART I****Single-Vision Glass Lenses (Curved or Flat)**

(1) <i>Spherical Power (plus or minus)</i>	(2) <i>Spherical</i>	(3) <i>Cylindrical or Sphero-cylindrical Cylindrical Power (plus or minus) 0.25 to 2.00</i>	(4) <i>2.25 or more</i>
Plano to 2.00	£4.25	£4.70	£6.00
2.25 to 4.00	£4.40	£4.90	£6.45
4.25 to 6.00	£4.60	£5.55	£6.95
6.25 or more	£7.35	£8.55	£9.45

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 372: The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1977 No. 80, S.R. 1981 No. 60, S.R. 1982 No. 61 and S.R. 1983 No. 33

## PART II

**Solid Glass Bifocal Lenses**

(1) <i>Segment Size</i>	(2) <i>Spherical</i>	(3) <i>Astigmatic</i>
38 mm	£12.25	£13.15
45 mm	£14.60	£15.65
22 mm	£16.10	£16.50

## PART III

**Other Lenses**

(1) <i>Description of Lens</i>	(2) <i>Amount of Charge</i>
Single-Vision Plastic, lenticular, frosted or chavasse lens	£ 4.85
Fused glass spherical bifocal lens	£10.15
Fused glass astigmatic bifocal lens	£10.70
Lens of any other description	£ 9.40

## PART IV

**Additional Charges in respect of prescribed prisms or tints**

(1) <i>Description of Lens</i>	(2) <i>Incorporation of Worked Prism</i>	(3) <i>Incorporation of Tint</i>
Single-vision lens up to 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	£3.25	£2.40
over 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	£1.70	
Bifocal Lens	£1.50	£4.80''

**Application**

3. These regulations shall apply only to the supply of an optical appliance under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 where the testing of sight or the first testing of sight leading to the supply of that appliance or the making of the arrangements in pursuance of which the appliance is supplied takes place after 31st March 1984.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th March 1984.

(L.S.)

J. A. Wylie

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 7th March 1984.

(L.S.)

N. R. Cowling

Assistant Secretary

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 by increasing the charges for lenses supplied under the general ophthalmic services.

The revised charges for a single-vision glass lens range from an increase from £4.00 to £4.25, to an increase from £8.95 to £9.45.

The charges for a solid glass bifocal lens are increased from £11.65 to £12.25 at the minimum to £15.50 to £16.50 at the maximum.

Charges for other lenses are increased from £4.65 to £4.85 for a single-vision lens; £9.60 to £10.15 for a fused glass spherical bifocal lens; £10.30 to £10.70 for a fused glass astigmatic bifocal lens; and £9.20 to £9.40 for a lens of any other description.

Additional charges in respect of prescribed prisms are increased from £2.80 to £3.25 for a single-vision lens (lens up to 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical) and from £1.20 to £1.50 for a bifocal lens.

The maximum charge in respect of any lens is increased from £15.50 to £16.50.