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In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 33, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46 and 72 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(a), as amended(b), section 1 of the National Health Service Act 1951(c), section 2 of the National Health Service Act 1952(d) and section 1 of the National Health Service Act 1961(e) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

(a) 1947 c. 27. (b) 1949 c. 93. (c) 1951 c. 31.
(d) 1952 c. 25. (e) 1961 c. 19.

PART I
GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1966, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1966.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"acceptance card" means the card set out in Part II of Schedule 4 or a form to the like effect;

"the Act" means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947;

"the Act of 1952" means the National Health Service Act 1952;

"the Act of 1961" means the National Health Service Act 1961;

"assistant" means any practitioner employed either whole-time or part-time, under a contract of service, by another practitioner for the purpose of providing general dental services on behalf of that practitioner;

"the Board" means the Scottish Dental Estimates Board constituted under Part III of these regulations;

"Council" means the Executive Council constituted for any area;

"dental estimate form" means the form set out in Part III of Schedule 4 or a form to the like effect;

"dental fitness" means such a reasonable standard of dental efficiency and oral health as is necessary to safeguard general health, and "dentally fit" has a corresponding meaning;

"dental officer" means any dental officer appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose of advising the Secretary of State, the Board, Councils, Local Dental Committees and practitioners on questions arising in connection with general dental services;

"dental treatment" means all proper and necessary treatment which a practitioner usually undertakes for a patient, including examination and advice, the obtaining of radiographs, scaling, treatment of the gums, fillings, extractions, crowning, provision of artificial dentures and their repair and the administration of anaesthetics in connection with any such treatment, and includes the giving of orders on the appropriate form for drugs or the supply of drugs in accordance with these regulations;

"deputy" means a practitioner (including a partner) acting on behalf of another practitioner, otherwise than in the capacity of an assistant, for the purpose of providing general dental services;

"drug tariff" means the statement prepared by the Secretary of State under Regulation 32 of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1966(a);

"drugs" means such drugs and medicines as are specified in Schedule 3;

"emergency treatment" means any treatment immediately required for the relief of pain or other urgent symptoms;

"enactment" includes an enactment in a regulation;

'(a) S.I. 1966/1233 (1966 III, p. 3330).

"health centre" means premises provided by the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the Act;

"patient" means a person for whom a practitioner agrees to provide general dental services;

"practitioner" means a registered dental practitioner;

"the regulations of 1948" means the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1948(a);

"scale of fees" means the scale of fees set out in Schedule 5;

"special form" means the form set out in Part V of Schedule 4 or a form to the like effect;

"supply" in relation to an appliance includes replacement.

(2) Any reference in these regulations to a regulation or Schedule shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to a regulation of, or a Schedule to these regulations.

(3) Unless the context otherwise requires, references in these regulations to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as at any time amended or re-enacted.

(4) Reference in any other regulations to the regulations revoked by these regulations or to any provision thereof shall be construed as references to these regulations or to the corresponding provisions thereof, as the case may be.

(5) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART II

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISION OF GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

Terms of service for practitioners

3.—(1) The arrangements which a Council are required by section 39 of the Act to make with practitioners for the provision of general dental services shall incorporate—

(*a*) in the case of a practitioner undertaking to provide general dental services, other than a practitioner employed by a Council at a health centre, the terms of service contained in Part I of Schedule 1; and

(*b*) in the case of a practitioner employed by a Council to provide general dental services at a health centre, the terms of service contained in Part II of that Schedule.

(2) Where a practitioner employed by a Council to provide general dental services at a health centre also provides general dental services otherwise, the arrangements shall incorporate the provisions contained in sub-paragraph (*a*) and (*b*) of the last preceding paragraph and whichever provisions are applicable shall apply.

(3) A Council may, after consultation with the Local Dental Committee and with the approval of the Secretary of State, make special arrangements with a practitioner whereby the practitioner undertakes to provide general dental services throughout a district specified in the arrangements, at suitable centres in the district or at the homes of persons requiring such services.

(a) S.I. 1948/1257 (Rev. XV, p. 910: 1948 I, p. 2354).
(b) 1889 c. 63.

Dental List

4.—(1) The Council shall prepare a list, to be called "the dental list", of the practitioners who, having applied, are entitled to be included in the list.

(2) Application by a practitioner for inclusion in the dental list shall be made by delivering or sending the application by post to the Council in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 4 or in a form to the like effect.

(3) The dental list shall contain, in addition to the names of practitioners—

(*a*) the address of any surgery or health centre at which the practitioner undertakes to provide general dental services;

(*b*) particulars of the days and hours at which he is or will be usually in attendance;

(*c*) where 2 or more practitioners practise in partnership, particulars of the partnership

and may, if the Council think fit, be so arranged as to show the part of the area in which each practitioner will provide treatment.

(4) A practitioner on the dental list shall notify the Council within 14 days of any change or addition affecting the entries which the dental list is required to contain in relation to him.

(5) Copies of the dental list shall be available for inspection at the office of the Council and at such other places as appear to the Council to be convenient for informing all persons interested and shall be kept revised up-to-date.

(6) The Council shall send a copy of the dental list to the Secretary of State, the Board and the Local Dental Committee and shall within 14 days inform each of them of any alterations which may from time to time be made therein. The Council shall also send, if requested to do so, a copy of the list to the Local Medical and Local Pharmaceutical Committees, the local health authority, the Regional Hospital Board, the Boards of Management of hospitals serving the area, and any person on the pharmaceutical list of the Council, and in such event at intervals of not more than 3 months shall notify them of any alteration made in the dental list.

(7) The Council shall give the Board such information concerning the employment of assistants by practitioners as the Secretary of State may require.

Removal of name of practitioner from dental list

5.—(1) Where a Council have determined in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this regulation that a practitioner whose name has been included for the preceding 6 months in the dental list—

(*a*) has never provided general dental services for persons in the area; or

(*b*) has ceased to provide such services for such persons,

the Council shall remove the practitioner's name from such list.

(2) Before making any determination under the last preceding paragraph, the Council shall—

(*a*) give the practitioner 28 days' notice of their intention to do so;

(*b*) afford the practitioner an opportunity of making representations to the Council in writing or, if he so desires, orally to a committee appointed by the Council for the purpose, of which committee at least a third of the members shall be practitioners from a panel nominated by the Local Dental Committee; and

(*c*) consult the Local Dental Committee.

(3) Any document which is required or authorised to be given to a practitioner under this regulation may be given by delivering it to him or by sending it by recorded delivery service to the address last notified by him to the Council.

(4) Nothing in this regulation shall—

(*a*) prejudice the right of a practitioner to have his name included again in the list of practitioners providing general dental services in the Council's area, in accordance with section 39(2)(*b*) of the Act; or

(*b*) affect a practitioner who is called into whole-time service in the armed forces of the Crown in a national emergency as a volunteer or otherwise, or who is serving in pursuance of the Army Reserve Act 1962(a), or who is called up for compulsory whole-time service by virtue of provisions contained in any enactment for the time being in force, or being liable under those provisions for such service is performing service equivalent thereto, and no determination under this regulation shall be made in respect of any such practitioner until 6 months after the completion of his service.

Arrangements for supply of drugs by practitioners

6.—(1) Where the Council, after consultation with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, are satisfied that a patient, by reason of distance or inadequacy of means of communication or other exceptional circumstances, would otherwise have serious difficulty in obtaining any drugs required for his treatment under these regulations, the Council shall require the practitioner who is responsible for the treatment of the patient to supply such drugs to that patient:

Provided that notwithstanding such requirement the practitioner may, if so requested by any such patient, instead of supplying such drug, give a prescription for the same to be supplied by a person on the pharmaceutical list of a Council.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation, a practitioner shall—

(*a*) not be required to undertake the supply of drugs under this regulation if he satisfies the Council, or on appeal the Secretary of State, that he is not in the habit of supplying drugs or that the patient can, with at least equal facility, obtain a supply of drugs otherwise; and

(*b*) be entitled to receive reasonable notice from the Council that he is required to undertake the supply of drugs or that such supply is to be discontinued.

Publication of particulars

7. The Council shall cause to be published, in such manner as appears to them best calculated to inform all persons interested, particulars of the arrangements made by the Council, including a statement of the places where copies of the terms of service for practitioners and copies of the dental list may be seen, the places at which any necessary forms of application are available and any other particulars which the Council think proper.

(a) 1962 c. 10.

PART III
SCOTTISH DENTAL ESTIMATES BOARD

Constitution

8.—(1) The Scottish Dental Estimates Board constituted by the regulations of 1948 shall continue to subsist, subject to the provisions of these regulations, for the purpose of the approval of estimates for dental treatment and of carrying out the duties imposed on them by these regulations.

(2) The Board shall consist of a chairman who shall be a practitioner, and 7 other members, of whom 5 (hereinafter called "practitioner members") shall be practitioners.

(3) The chairman and other members shall be appointed by the Secretary of State after consultation with such organisations as he may recognise as representative of practitioners.

(4) If for any period the chairman is unable to act, the Secretary of State, after consultation with such organisations as he may recognise as representative of practitioners, may also appoint another practitioner as deputy chairman, who shall act in place of the chairman and shall be deemed to be a member of the Board for so long as he holds office, and any reference to the chairman in regulations 9, 12, 14 and 15 shall include a reference to any deputy chairman appointed as aforesaid.

(5) The Board shall be a body corporate.

(6) The Board shall not acquire land except with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Term of office

9.—(1) The chairman of the Board shall hold office during the pleasure of the Secretary of State.

(2) A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring by reason that a member has died or has ceased to hold office in accordance with the next succeeding regulation shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose place he is appointed.

(3) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, a practitioner member shall hold office until the 31st day of December in the fourth year following the year in which he is appointed:

Provided that, on the expiry of his term of office, such practitioner member who has then served for a continuous period exceeding 3 years shall not be eligible for reappointment as a practitioner member until a further year has elapsed.

(4) Subject to the provisions of these regulations a member, other than a practitioner member, shall hold office until the 31st day of December in the second year following the year in which he is appointed:

Provided that on the expiry of his term of office such a member shall be eligible for reappointment.

Resignation or removal of members

10.—(1) A member of the Board who desires to resign his membership shall give notice in writing to the Secretary of State.

(2) A member shall, unless the Secretary of State otherwise directs, cease to be a member—

(*a*) if he has not attended a meeting of the Board for 6 months;

(*b*) if he is a person whose estates have been sequestrated by a competent Court in Scotland or who has been adjudged bankrupt elsewhere than in Scotland;

(*c*) if he is convicted of a criminal offence.

(3) A member, being either—

(*a*) a person who holds any paid appointment or office, or other place of profit, in the disposal of a Regional Hospital Board, Board of Management, or local health authority, and who is dismissed from such appointment, office or place of profit; or

(*b*) a person whose name is removed under the provisions of section 43 of the Act from any list prepared under Part IV of the Act,

shall forthwith cease to be a member.

Officers

11.—(1) The Board shall appoint a clerk and such other officers as may be necessary. The resolution appointing the clerk shall embody the terms on which the appointment is made and the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

(2) The Board shall pay to the clerk and to their other officers remuneration in accordance with scales from time to time approved by the Secretary of State, or such remuneration as the Secretary of State may, in the special circumstances of any individual case, authorise.

Chairman

12.—(1) At every meeting of the Board the chairman, if present, shall preside.

(2) If the chairman is absent from any meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect from their own number a person to act as chairman for that meeting.

Proceedings

13. The proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in the membership of the Board, or by any defect in the appointment or qualification of any member thereof.

Standing orders

14. The Board may make, vary and revoke standing orders for the regulation of the proceedings and business of the Board, and in particular—

(*a*) for providing that such number of members of the Board, not being less than 3, as the standing orders may specify, shall form a quorum; and

(*b*) for providing that, subject to such exceptions and qualifications as may be specified in the standing orders, if a member of the Board has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any estimate or other matter relating to general dental services, he shall, as soon as practicable, disclose the fact to the chairman and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of any question with respect to the estimate or other matter.

Voting

15. Every question at a meeting of the Board shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting on the question, and in case of an equal division of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

16. Minutes of the proceedings at every meeting of the Board and a record of the attendance of members at such meeting shall be kept by the clerk or other officer appointed for the purpose.

Reports

17. The Board shall submit to the Secretary of State as soon as may be after the 31st day of December in each year a report of the Board's proceedings for the year ending on that day and shall also furnish him from time to time with such information in regard to their work as he may require.

PART IV

METHOD OF OBTAINING GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

Elsewhere than at a health centre

18. A person requiring general dental services may apply to a practitioner practising elsewhere than at a health centre whose name appears on any dental list.

At a health centre

19. A person requiring general dental services may apply to a practitioner practising at a health centre whose name appears on the dental list of the area in which the centre is situated.

Exercise of choice of practitioner in certain cases

20. The right to choose the practitioner by whom general dental services are to be provided or to sign an acknowledgment or declaration for the purposes of regulation 22, or the appropriate form for the purposes of regulation 23, shall be exercised—

(*a*) on behalf of any child under the age of 16, by the mother or, in her absence, the father, or in the absence of both parents, the guardian or other person who has the care of the child;

(*b*) on behalf of any other person who on account of sickness or other infirmity is incapable of choosing a practitioner to provide any of the services, by a relative or any person who has the care of such person; and

(*c*) on behalf of any person under the care of the managers of an approved school by the managers of the school or a person duly authorised by them in that behalf.

Examination by dental officer

21. It shall be a condition of obtaining general dental services that a person, if required by the Board or the Council, shall submit himself for examination by a dental officer whether during or after the provision of such services.

PART V

CHARGES PAYABLE BY OR ON BEHALF OF PATIENTS

Charges for treatment and appliances

22.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation the patient shall pay to the practitioner—

(*a*) the appropriate charge specified in the schedule to the National Health

Service Act 1951, as varied by section 1 of the Act of 1961, in respect of the supply under these regulations of such dental appliances as are covered by the said schedule;

(*b*) any charge authorised by section 2 of the Act of 1952, as so varied.

(2) In providing general dental services for which a charge can be made under this regulation a practitioner shall comply with the following provisions—

(*a*) the practitioner shall obtain in part 1B of the dental estimate form or of the special form an acknowledgment by the patient, or where regulation 20 applies, by the appropriate person on his behalf, of his obligation to pay the said charge;

(*b*) the practitioner shall, on receiving a sum in payment or part payment of the said charge, give a receipt therefor on a form provided for the purpose by the Council.

(3)—(*a*) A practitioner providing general dental services for a patient who claims exemption, or in respect of whom exemption is claimed, under section 2(4) of the Act of 1952 or under section 1(3) of the Act of 1961, from a charge recoverable under paragraph (1) of this regulation shall obtain from the patient, or where regulation 20 applies, from the appropriate person on his behalf, a declaration in support of the claim in Part 1B of the dental estimate form, or of the special form;

(*b*) It shall be a condition of exemption from a charge referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph that the declaration is made in the form and manner indicated in Part 1B of the said forms and that such documentary evidence in support of the declaration is produced to the Board as they may require.

(4) Any acknowledgment or declaration referred to in the last two preceding paragraphs shall be obtained by the practitioner before the dental estimate form or the special form is forwarded to the Board.

(5) Any fee which but for this regulation would be payable by a Council to a practitioner in respect of the provision of any service as part of the general dental services shall be reduced by the amount payable in accordance with this regulation in respect of that service.

(6). Where a declaration in support of a claim for exemption is made under the provisions of paragraph (3)(*a*) of this regulation but the claim is not substantiated and in consequence of the claim a practitioner has not recovered a charge in respect of the completion of treatment, the Council shall be entitled to recover the said charge from the person concerned, whether or not such person has acknowledged the obligation to pay the charge in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(7) In relation to general dental services provided by a practitioner employed by a Council at health centres—

(*a*) paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (6) of this regulation shall have effect as if for references to a practitioner or to a practitioner providing general dental services as the case may be there were substituted references to a Council; and

(*b*) paragraphs (4) and (5) of this regulation shall not apply.

(8) Any payment required to be made under this regulation shall be without prejudice to any other charge authorised by these regulations and shall not include any charge made in respect of the replacement of a denture where the replacement is required in consequence of loss or damage.

Additional charges for more expensive dental appliances and special dental treatment

23.—(1) Where a practitioner agrees at a patient's request and as part of general dental services:—

(*a*) to supply a denture which is of a more expensive type than a suitable less expensive denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth; or

(*b*) to repair such a denture at a cost in excess of the cost of repairing a suitable less expensive denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth; or

(*c*) to supply a dental bridge at a cost in excess of the cost of sypplying a suitable denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth; or

(*d*) to provide dental treatment consisting of inlays, crowns, or gold fillings, where such treatment is not clinically necessary,

he shall submit to the Board:—

(i) an estimate for a suitable denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal, or for its repair, or for appropriate conservative treatment covered by item 6 or item 22 of the scale of fees, as the case may be, on a dental estimate form, and

(ii) a further estimate for an additional charge on the form set out in Part IV of Schedule 4 or on a form to the like effect.

The practitioner shall obtain the signature of the patient, or where regulation 20 applies, the appropriate person on his behalf, to the further estimate before submitting the forms, and he shall not proceed with any treatment specified in column B of Schedule 2, other than emergency treatment and the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea, or in such other types of cases as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine, until approval is given.

(2) If the Board approve the estimates, they shall indicate in Part 3 of the dental estimate form the additional charge determined in accordance with the provisions of regulation 27(2) to be paid by the patient and shall inform him of the amount.

(3) The Council shall be liable to the practitioner for such part only of the cost of the services to which this regulation applies as is not by this regulation made the responsibility of the patient.

(4) Any denture, bridge or treatment supplied or provided under this regulation which, in the opinion of the Board, is required by the patient solely because of his clinical condition, or any repair of a denture or bridge so supplied, shall be supplied or provided without cost to the patient under this regulation.

(5) The provisions of this regulation shall have effect without prejudice to the provisions of regulation 22.

Charges for replacement necessitated by lack of care

24.—(1) Where on the receipt of an estimate for the replacement of a dental appliance supplied to a patient as part of general dental services, the Board considers that there are grounds for believing that the replacement may be necessitated by lack of care on the part of the patient, they shall refer the matter to the Council for investigation.

(2) On receipt of such reference the Council shall make such inquiry into the matter as they think fit and if in their opinion the circumstances so require,

or if the patient so demands, the inquiry shall take the form of a hearing by a committee of the Council constituted for this purpose.

(3) After the completion of such inquiry the Council shall determine whether the replacement is necessitated by lack of care on the part of the patient and whether the whole or a proportion of the cost of the replacement shall be borne by the patient, and shall communicate their decision to the patient, the practitioner and the Board, and the Council shall be responsible for the payment to the practitioner of such part only of the cost as is not determined to be payable by the patient:

Provided that if subsequently it appears to the Council that the payment of the sum so determined to be payable by the patient would involve undue hardship, they may make such contribution thereto as they think fit.

Provisions applicable to services provided at a health centre by a practitioner employed by a Council

25. In their application to general dental services provided at a health centre by a practitioner employed by a Council, the provisions of regulations 23 and 24 shall be subject to the following modifications:—

(*a*) where at the request of a patient a practitioner agrees to provide the more expensive dental appliances or treatment of a kind specified in regulation 23, the practitioner shall give notice to the Board in such form as the Secretary of State may require and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in column B of Schedule 2 other than emergency treatment and the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea, or in such other types of cases as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine, until the approval of the Board is received. In giving such approval the Board shall determine in accordance with the provisions of regulation 27(2) the amount which would have been payable by the patient if the treatment had been provided by a practitioner, other than a practitioner employed by a Council at a health centre, and that amount shall be the amount payable by the patient to the Council, and the Board shall inform the patient of the amount;

(*b*) where in connection with the replacement of a dental appliance supplied to any patient as part of general dental services, it appears to the practitioner that there is reason to suppose that such replacement is necessitated by lack of care on the part of the patient, he shall report the matter to the Council. Unless the patient admits in writing that the replacement is so necessitated the Council shall thereupon investigate the case in the manner provided by regulation 24(2). If, on such investigation the Council are satisfied that the replacement is not necessitated by such lack of care as aforesaid, they shall so inform the patient and the practitioner. If such lack of care is admitted or determined after investigation as aforesaid, the Council shall be entitled to recover from the patient such sum as the Council may determine in accordance with regulation 24(3).

Recovery of Charges

26. The practitioner, or in relation to a case falling within regulation 22(6) or to general dental services provided by a practitioner employed by a Council at a health centre, a Council shall be entitled to make and recover as a debt from any person who receives services under this part of these regulations the appropriate charges payable by the person in accordance with these regulations, and the practitioner may decline to commence or proceed with treatment until he or, as the case may be, the Council, has received payment thereof.

PART VI

REMUNERATION OF DENTAL PRACTITIONERS, OTHER THAN PRACTITIONERS EMPLOYED BY A COUNCIL AT A HEALTH CENTRE

Fees for treatment approved

27.—(1) When approving treatment proposed on a dental estimate form the Board shall—

(*a*) determine in accordance with the scale of fees, the fees payable to the practitioner for the treatment approved and shall inform him of their determination; and

(*b*) if they approve the provision of a dental appliance such as is referred to in regulation 22(1)(a), signify on the dental estimate form their approval of the appropriate charge.

(2) When approving dental services to be provided under regulation 23, not being treatment to which paragraph (4) of that regulation applies, the Board shall determine—

(*a*) the total fees payable to the practitioner for the services approved, in accordance with the scale of fees; and

(*b*) the amount thereof payable in accordance with regulation 23(2) by the patient being the difference between the said total fees and the fees which would have been payable under the scale of fees for the supply or repair of a suitable denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth, or for suitable conservative treatment covered by items 6 or 22 of the scale of fees, whichever is the case;

and shall inform the practitioner of their determinations.

(3) On receipt of a dental estimate form or the special form in respect of treatment completed in accordance with these regulations the Board shall, in accordance with the scale of fees and subject to and in accordance with any previous determinations made under the preceding paragraphs of this regulation in respect of that treatment, determine the fees payable to the practitioner by the Council and shall notify the Council of their determination.

(4) The Board may at their discretion, in cases of orthodontic treatment, authorise payments on account pending completion of treatment.

Conditions of payment

28. The fees and charges provided for in the last preceding regulation shall be payable only if the practitioner complies with the conditions set out in Part VII of Schedule 5.

Additional remuneration

29.—(1) Where in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 3(6) of Part I of Schedule 1 a practitioner provides treatment elsewhere than at his surgery he shall, subject to the provisions of this regulation, be entitled to receive from the Council an additional fee of 15s. 0d. increased by 2s. 0d. for each mile or part thereof by which the distance of the place of treatment from the practitioner's surgery exceeds 5 miles.

(2) Where a practitioner provides treatment to which paragraph (1) of this regulation applies at more than one place in the course of a single journey he shall be entitled to an additional fee as aforesaid in respect only of the provision of treatment at the place furthest from his surgery.

(3) Where a Council have made such special arrangements with a practitioner as are referred to in regulation 3(3) the Council shall pay to the practitioner such additional remuneration as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine.

Application of Regulations 27, 28 and 29

30.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, regulations 27, 28 and 29 shall not apply to general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st July 1966 and such services shall continue to be subject to the provisions of regulations 28, 29 and 30 of the regulations in force immediately before that date.

(2) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st July 1966 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before that date and relates to a fee of 6s. 6d. in respect of item 1 of the scale of fees, the Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 28 of the regulations in force immediately before that date a sum equal to 1s. 0d. in respect of every such fee payable under the said item 1.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st July 1966 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before that date, the Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 28 of the regulations in force immediately before that date a sum equal to 10.5 per cent of the amount of those fees.

Drugs

31. The fees payable by a Council to a practitioner in respect of drugs supplied by him either under regulation 6 or under paragraph 10(1) of Part I of Schedule 1 for use before a supply can be obtained otherwise under the regulation shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Drug Tariff.

Claims, payments and recovery of overpayments

32.—(1) Where the Board or the Council consider that they have authorised the payment of a fee or made payment, as the case may be, to a practitioner owing to an error or in circumstances when it was not due and the overpayment is admitted by the practitioner, it shall be deducted from his remuneration. Where the overpayment is not so admitted, the Council may refer the matter under regulation 27(3) of the regulations of 1948 for investigation, and if the Council or the Secretary of State on appeal decide that there has been an overpayment, the amount overpaid shall be recovered by deduction from the practitioner's remuneration or otherwise.

(2) Recovery of an overpayment under the provisions of this regulation shall be without prejudice to the investigation of an alleged breach of the terms of service.

(3) The sums payable to a practitioner by the Council shall be payable subject to the provisions of the regulations of 1948 as to withholding money and recovering expenses from the practitioner.

Application of Part VI

33. The provisions of this Part of these regulations shall not apply to practitioners who are employed by a Council at a health centre.

PART VII
REVOCATION

Revocation of regulations

34.—(1) The regulations named in Schedule 6 are hereby revoked.

(2) Section 38 of the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply as if these regulations were an Act of Parliament and as if any regulations revoked by these regulations were Acts of Parliament repealed by an Act of Parliament.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
17th November 1966.

SCHEDULE 1

Terms of Service for Dental Practitioners

Part I

Practitioners other than Practitioners Employed by a Council at a Health Centre

Interpretation

1. In these terms of service, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "the regulations" means the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1966.

Incorporation of provisions of regulations, etc.

2. Any provisions of the regulations and of Part VI of the regulations of 1948 affecting the rights and obligations of practitioners shall be deemed to form part of these terms of service.

Standard of service

3.—(1) In providing general dental services under the regulations a practitioner shall employ a proper degree of skill and attention and, except where the special form is used or where treatment is by agreement between the practitioner and the person concerned restricted to the limited treatment mentioned in the following sub-paragraph (being treatment which may be given without the prior approval of the Board) shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 9 hereof, provide the treatment necessary to secure dental fitness that the patient concerned is willing to undergo, and shall satisfactorily complete that treatment.

(2) The limited treatment referred to in the last preceding sub-paragraph shall be:

(*a*) emergency treatment in respect of which a special form could be used under the regulations;

(*b*) repairs of dentures at a scale cost not exceeding 38s. 0d. per denture;

(*c*) arrest of abnormal haemorrhage;

(*d*) domiciliary visits in connection with arrest of abnormal haemorrhage or treatment falling under sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph.

(3) A practitioner shall provide proper and sufficient surgery and waiting-room accommodation for his patients.

(4) A practitioner's surgery shall be furnished with suitable equipment and a practitioner shall provide treatment with suitable instruments.

(5) A practitioner, on receipt of reasonable notice in writing, shall admit a dental officer at all reasonable times to any surgery or waiting-room under the practitioner's control for the purpose of inspecting the same, and shall furnish him with all necessary information with regard to the treatment of patients.

(6) Without prejudice to any special arrangements made under regulation 3(3) a practitioner shall visit and treat a patient whose condition requires a visit, at any place where that person may be at the time, within 5 miles of his surgery or such other limit as the Council and the practitioner may agree.

(7) A practitioner shall be responsible for providing the services of a medical or dental practitioner when necessary for the administration of an anaesthetic in connection with any operation undertaken by him under these terms of service.

Reference to another practitioner or to hospital and specialist services

4. If the condition of a person requiring general dental services is such as to require treatment which the practitioner is unable to carry out, but such treatment to the knowledge of the practitioner can be provided by another practitioner under general dental services, or is available as part of the hospital and specialist services provided under Part II of the Act, the practitioner shall inform the said person of the fact and, if the person so wishes, the practitioner shall take all necessary steps to enable him to receive such treatment. When referring a person to another practitioner or to the

hospital and specialist services, the practitioner shall give adequate particulars in writing either beforehand or as soon as possible afterwards and shall indicate on the dental estimate form that the patient has been so referred for the required treatment.

Records

5.—(1) In each case in which a practitioner provides treatment under the regulations, he shall keep a record of such information regarding the dental needs of the patient and the treatment provided as the Secretary of State may from time to time require after consultation with any organisation which is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, representative of practitioners engaged in the provision of general dental services. The record shall be the property of the practitioner, who shall be under a duty to retain it and, if required to do so, produce it or send it or a certified copy thereof within 14 days to the Board, the Council or a dental officer. Such duty shall continue for a period expiring, in the case of treatment on an estimate requiring the Board's prior approval, 4 years after the end of the financial year ending on the 31st March in which payment was made in respect of that treatment, or in any other case, 2 years after the end of such financial year.

(2) A practitioner shall retain all films taken or obtained by him as part of dental treatment for a period of 12 months after the completion of that treatment, and shall during that period submit them to the Board when requested to do so.

Fees and remuneration

6.—(1) A practitioner shall be paid such fees and other remuneration as are determined under the regulations to be payable in respect of any treatment which he is required to give under these terms of service.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the regulations, a practitioner shall not suggest, demand or accept from any patient or from any other person the payment of any fee or remuneration in respect of any treatment which he is required to give under these terms of service:

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall deprive the practitioner of any right to recover a reasonable charge from any patient in respect of loss of remunerative time resulting from failure of that patient without sufficient excuse to keep an appointment.

(3) A practitioner shall not submit a dental estimate form or special form claiming payment for the provision of general dental services:

(*a*) which have not been provided or for which a claim has already been submitted by him to the Board; or

(*b*) which have been provided otherwise than in accordance with the conditions with respect to materials set out in Part VII of Schedule 5.

Use of dental estimate forms

7.—(1)(*a*) In accepting a person for treatment a practitioner shall—

(i) complete an acceptance card (being the form set out in Part II of Schedule 4, or a form to the like effect) and give it to the patient;

(ii) complete Part 1A of the dental estimate form and secure the completion of Part 1B of the form so far as applicable and the signing thereof by the patient, or, where regulation 20 applies, by the appropriate person;

(iii) examine the patient, complete Part 6 of the said form and advise the patient as to the whole of the treatment necessary for dental fitness;

(iv) complete Part 7 of the said form setting out the whole of the treatment necessary in his opinion to render the patient dentally fit except that, where the treatment does not include treatment specified in column B of Schedule 2, he may set out such part of that treatment as the patient is willing to undergo;

(v) complete Part 8 of the said form, where appropriate, and when the patient is not willing to undergo the whole of the treatment set out in Part 7 of the form, shall note in Part 8 of the form particulars of such part of the treatment as the patient is not willing to undergo.

(*b*) A practitioner shall not set out in Part 7 of the said form treatment not necessary in his opinion to render the patient dentally fit;

(*c*) Before sending the said form to the Board for approval of the estimate therein, in any case in which under these terms of service such approval is required before treatment is commenced, the practitioner shall sign Part 2 of the said form;

(*d*) Upon completing treatment for a patient, a practitioner shall, where necessary, amend the particulars entered in Part 7 of the said form, enter therein, where appropriate, the surname, initials and profession of any anaesthetist, and the surname and initials of any person other than himself operating during anaesthesia, sign Part 4 of the said form in his own handwriting and obtain in Part 5 of the said form the signature of the patient or other duly authorised person.

(2) Where the extent of the treatment which the person is willing to undergo does not include treatment specified in column B of Schedule 2 the practitioner may proceed with and complete the treatment before sending the dental estimate form to the Board for approval.

(3) Where the treatment which the patient is willing to undergo includes treatment specified in column B of Schedule 2, the practitioner shall as soon as may be, and in any case within 10 days after making the examination, send the dental estimate form to the Board for approval, and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in the said column B other than emergency treatment until such approval is received:

Provided that the practitioner may proceed immediately with the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea, and with treatment specified in such other types of cases or circumstances as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine, in which event, the practitioner shall send the form to the Board for approval immediately after making the examination.

(4)(*a*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is not required, any variation or addition such as would have made the treatment subject to prior approval is found to be necessary, the restrictions on treatment provided by paragraph 7(3) hereof shall apply to such part of the treatment as has not been commenced and the practitioner shall as soon as reasonably practicable submit to the Board an estimate of the whole of the treatment necessary (including that which has been begun);

(*b*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is required, any variation of or addition to such estimate is found to be necessary, and relates to an item of treatment requiring prior approval, the practitioner shall without delay resubmit the estimate to the Board for approval, and the Board may withdraw or vary their original approval, in so far as treatment has not yet been carried out in accordance with such approval, or add thereto and, until the decision of the Board is received by the practitioner, the restriction on proceeding with treatment contained in paragraph 7(3) hereof shall apply;

(*c*) Where in consequence of any proceedings under the regulations of 1948 in respect of general dental services provided in the area of any Council a practitioner is required for any period to submit to the Board for prior approval all estimates in respect of any treatment (other than examination or emergency treatment), he shall during that period submit all such estimates whether relating to services in that or in any other area within 10 days after making the examination to the Board for approval and shall not carry out such treatment until the approval of the Board has been obtained.

(5) A practitioner shall complete treatment with reasonable expedition and shall except where orthodontic treatment is involved, not take longer than 6 months from the date upon which the patient is accepted by him for treatment, or where prior approval of the estimate is required, from the date on which such prior approval is received by him, as the case may be:

Provided that:—

(*a*) the time limit shall be 12 months in the case of treatment including extractions and the consequent provision of dentures;

(*b*) treatment so far as it relates to the provision of dentures shall not be regarded as completed unless the dentures have been delivered to and remain in the possession of the patient;

(*c*) the Council may, on an application in writing by the practitioner, extend the above time limits if the delay in completing treatment is due to the patient's failure to attend for treatment or if the Council are satisfied that there is some other sufficient reason, and may do so although the application is not made until after the time limit has expired.

(6) Where a deputy or assistant signs a dental estimate form or any part of it or a special form on behalf of the practitioner whose name is inserted in Part 1A of the dental estimate form or special form or when he signs an acceptance card on behalf of another practitioner, he shall do so in his own name and, except in the case of a partner whose name is included in the dental list, he shall also insert the name of the practitioner on whose behalf he is acting.

(7) The practitioner shall within one month of the completion of the treatment send the dental estimate form to the Board.

(8) Where a practitioner has been notified that a person for whom he has provided general dental services has been requested to submit himself for examination by a dental officer or that the dental services committee set up under the regulations of 1948 will investigate a complaint or reference relating to such services, the practitioner shall not, until he has been notified that the examination has been carried out or cancelled, or that the investigation has been completed by the committee, or that the committee has no objection, provide any treatment other than treatment for the relief of pain and other urgent symptoms to that person, and shall take all reasonable steps to facilitate the said examination or investigation.

Use of Special Forms

8.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 7 hereof a practitioner, instead of making use of the dental estimate form may, in the case of emergency treatment consisting of such treatment as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, make use of the special form and in that event the provisions of the last preceding paragraph except the provisions of sub-paragraph (6) shall not apply in respect of such treatment.

(2) The treatment referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this sub-paragraph consists of (*a*) not more than 2 extractions, (*b*) the administration of a general anaesthetic, (*c*) the dressing of teeth, and (*d*) a single radiological examination involving one intra-oral or extra-oral film in connection with either an extraction or the dressing of teeth covered by this sub-paragraph.

(3) In accepting an application for such emergency treatment, the practitioner shall, if he makes use of the special form—

(*a*) complete an acceptance card and give it to the applicant;

(*b*) obtain the signature of the applicant to Part 1B of the special form;

(*c*) carry out the treatment forthwith, enter the required particulars in Part 4 of the special form (including, where appropriate, the name, initials and profession of any anaesthetist, and the name and initials of any person other than himself operating during anaesthesia) and sign Part 2 in his own handwriting;

(*d*) obtain the signature of the applicant to Part 3 of the special form; and

(*e*) send the special form to the Board within one month of the completion of the treatment.

(4) A practitioner shall not submit a special form in respect of a patient where he has previously accepted that patient for other treatment, not yet completed, or where on the same day he accepts him for other treatment. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph other treatment shall not include orthodontic treatment only.

(5) Where a practitioner submits a special form for emergency treatment or a dental estimate form for other limited treatment specified in paragraph 3 hereof, no fee shall be payable for a clinical examination and report.

Inability or unwillingness of practitioner to complete treatment

9.—(1) If owing to any cause beyond the control of the practitioner or because the practitioner refers the patient for treatment under paragraph 4 hereof, he is unable to complete any treatment which has been commenced, he shall forthwith notify the Board in writing of the amount of treatment completed, and of the reason for his inability to complete the remainder, and shall be entitled to such payment as may be approved by the Board in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

(2) The Council may, on the application of a practitioner, authorise him on such terms as they think just to discontinue any treatment which he has commenced, but before doing so they shall consider any representations which the patient may wish to make with respect to the application. If the application is granted the patient and the Board shall be so informed and the practitioner shall be entitled to such payment as may be approved by the Board in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

Supply of Drugs

10.—(1) A practitioner may supply to a patient such drugs (being drugs specified in Schedule 3) as are required for immediate administration or application or for use before supplies can be obtained under the next following paragraph.

(2) A practitioner may supply any other drug which is administered by him in person.

(3) A practitioner shall supply all requisite drugs which under regulation 6 he is required by the Council to supply.

11.—(1) A practitioner shall order, on a form to be provided by the Council for the purpose, such drugs specified in Schedule 3 (other than those supplied under paragraph 10 hereof) as are requisite for the treatment of any patient. The order shall be signed by the practitioner or by his deputy or assistant in his own handwriting and shall not be written in such a manner as to necessitate reference on the part of the person supplying the drugs to a previous order.

(2) A deputy or assistant shall in addition to signing his own name on any prescription form insert therein the name of the practitioner for whom he is acting.

(3) The form shall not be used for persons other than patients for whom the practitioner is providing general dental services and a separate form shall be used for each patient.

Deputies and Assistants

12.—(1) Save as provided in this paragraph or in paragraphs 4, 13 and 14 hereof, all treatment shall be given by a practitioner personally, provided that where he is prevented by reason of temporary absence from his practice through illness or other reasonable cause, treatment may be given by a deputy.

(2) In the case of 2 or more practitioners practising in partnership or as a principal and assistant, treatment may at any time be given by a partner or assistant of the practitioner who is responsible for the patient's treatment, if reasonable steps are taken to secure continuity of treatment.

(3) A practitioner shall not employ more than 2 assistants for the provision of general dental services without the consent of the Council or on appeal the Secretary of State, and before giving any consent under this sub-paragraph the Council shall consult the Local Dental Committee:

Provided that:—

(i) any practitioner employing more than 2 assistants on the date on which the regulations come into operation shall be deemed to have received consent to employ those practitioners employed on that date for a period of 6 months;

(ii) any consent given by or under this sub-paragraph shall be subject to review by the Council in consultation with the Local Dental Committee not less than once a year.

(4) A practitioner shall notify the Council of the employment of an assistant within 7 days of the first day of employment and forward to the Council such particulars concerning the assistant as the Council may require. Where a practitioner ceases to employ an assistant he shall notify the Council within 7 days of the cessation of employment.

(5) If a practitioner intends to absent himself from his practice for more than 21 consecutive days he shall notify the Council and the persons for whom he is providing general dental services who are likely to require treatment during his absence, of his intended absence and of the deputy or assistant (if any) responsible for giving treatment during his absence.

(6) A practitioner who intends to be or is absent from his practice for more than 2 months shall notify the Council in writing and shall not employ an assistant after that period without the consent of the Council.

(7) A practitioner shall not employ as an assistant any practitioner who is included in the dental list of a Council as a practitioner undertaking to provide general dental services at a surgery or suite of surgeries at which the first named practitioner undertakes to provide general dental services.

(8) Where a practitioner employs an assistant who to the practitioner's knowledge is subject to a requirement to submit estimates of any treatment (other than examination or emergency treatment) to the Board for prior approval, he shall not allow that assistant to carry out such treatment unless the prior approval of the Board has first been obtained.

(9) A practitioner shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, employ as a deputy or assistant for the purpose of the provision of general dental services any practitioner who is disqualified for inclusion in the dental list of a Council under section 43 of the Act.

(10) A practitioner shall be responsible for all acts and omissions of any practitioner acting as his deputy or assistant.

(11) A deputy shall be entitled to provide treatment at places or at times other than those arranged by the practitioner for whom he is acting, due regard being had to the convenience of the persons for whom the treatment is provided.

Anaesthetics and arrest of haemorrhage

13.—(1) Administration of a general anaesthetic may be given by a medical or dental practitioner on behalf of the practitioner responsible for the treatment.

(2) For the purpose of treating a patient for the arrest of abnormal haemorrhage a practitioner may until 31st December 1966 make arrangements with a medical practitioner to provide the treatment on his behalf.

Dental hygienists

14. A practitioner may employ a dental hygienist, being an ancillary dental worker whose name appears on the Roll of Dental Hygienists kept by the General Dental Council in accordance with the provisions of regulations made or having effect under section 41 of the Dentists Act 1957(a) and such practitioner shall be responsible for all acts and omissions of the dental hygienist.

Fair wages for dental technicians

15. A practitioner who employs a dental technician or dental technicians shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of work not less favourable than those approved for the time being by the National Joint Council for the Craft of Dental Technicians.

Revision of terms of service

16.—(1) The Council may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, alter the terms of service as from such date as the Secretary of State may approve by giving notice of the proposed alteration to each practitioner.

(a) 1957 c. 28.

(2) Except in the case of an alteration which results from the coming into operation of any Act of Parliament or from an amendment of any regulation, the Council shall before making an alteration consult with the Local Dental Committee and the alteration shall not come into operation within a period of 3 months from the date of the issue of the notice.

Withdrawals from dental list

17. A practitioner shall be entitled at any time to give notice in writing to the Council that he desires to withdraw his name from the dental list and his name shall be removed therefrom at the expiration of 3 months from the date of such notice or of such shorter period as the Council may agree:

Provided that:—

(*a*) if representations are made to the Tribunal under section 43 of the Act that the continued inclusion of a practitioner in the dental list would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the general dental services, he shall not, except with the consent of the Secretary of State and subject to such conditions, if any, as the Secretary of State may impose, be entitled to have his name removed from the list pending the termination of the proceedings on such representations; and

(*b*) where any treatment has been commenced the practitioner shall make satisfactory arrangements for the treatment to be completed.

Issue of notices to practitioners

18. Any notice which a Council is required or authorised by these terms of service to give a practitioner shall be sufficiently given if it has been delivered to the practitioner or sent by post to him at the address last notified by him to the Council. If the notice is sent by post, it shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be served at the time at which a letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

PART II

PRACTITIONERS EMPLOYED BY A COUNCIL AT A HEALTH CENTRE

Interpretation

1. In these terms of service, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "the regulations" means the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1966.

Incorporation of provisions of regulations, etc.

2. Any provisions of the regulations and of Part VI of the regulations of 1948, affecting the rights and obligations of practitioners shall so far as they are applicable be deemed to form part of these terms of service.

Attendance

3.—(1) A practitioner shall attend at the health centre on such days and at such hours as may be agreed between the Council and the practitioner.

(2) A practitioner shall not, without the permission of the Council, be entitled to provide at the health centre any dental treatment other than general dental services under the regulations.

Standard of Service

4. In providing general dental services a practitioner shall employ a proper degree of skill and attention and shall provide the treatment necessary to secure dental fitness which the patient is willing to undergo and shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 hereof, satisfactorily complete that treatment.

Acceptance of applicant for treatment

5. On accepting an application for treatment the practitioner shall request the applicant to sign such form as may be provided by the Council for the purpose.

Admission of Dental Officers

6. A practitioner shall admit a dental officer at all reasonable times to any surgery or waiting room used by the practitioner at the health centre for the purpose of examining the services provided.

Visiting

7. Without prejudice to any special arrangements made under regulation 3(3) a practitioner who has undertaken to provide general dental services for any patient shall, if that patient's condition so requires, visit and treat him at any place where he may be at the time:

Provided that such place is not more distant than 5 miles, or such other distance from the health centre as may be agreed by the Council and the practitioner.

Anaesthetics

8. A practitioner shall be responsible for providing the services of a medical or dental practitioner when necessary for the administration of an anaesthetic in connection with any operation undertaken by him under these terms of service.

Reference to another practitioner or to hospital and specialist services

9. If the condition of a person requiring general dental services is such as to require treatment which the practitioner is unable to carry out but such treatment to the knowledge of the practitioner can be provided by another practitioner whose name appears on any dental list, or is available as part of the hospital and specialist services provided under Part II of the Act, the practitioner shall inform the said person of the fact and, if the person so wishes, the practitioner shall take all necessary steps to enable him to receive such treatment. When referring a person to another practitioner or to the hospital and specialist services, the practitioner shall give adequate particulars in writing either beforehand or as soon as possible afterwards.

Records

10.—(1) In each case in which a practitioner provides treatment under the regulations, he shall keep a record of such information regarding the dental needs of the patient and the treatment provided as the Secretary of State may from time to time require after consultation with any organisation which is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, representative of practitioners engaged in the provision of general dental services.

(2) A practitioner shall, if required to do so, produce or send such records within 14 days to the Board, the Council or a dental officer.

(3) A practitioner shall also supply to the dental officer such information with regard to the treatment of patients as he may request.

Remuneration

11.—(1) A practitioner shall be paid such remuneration in respect of his obligations under these terms of service as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine by regulations or otherwise.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the regulations a practitioner shall not suggest, demand or accept from any patient or from any other person the payment of any fee or remuneration in respect of any treatment which he is required to give under these terms of service.

Consultation with the Board

12. Where a practitioner proposes to provide a service of a kind specified in regulation 23 solely on account of the clinical condition of the person concerned and not at his request, the practitioner shall give notice of the proposal to the Board on a form to be provided by the Council, and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in column

B of Schedule 2 other than emergency treatment and the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea and with treatment specified in such other types of cases or circumstances as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine until the Board's approval has been received.

Treatment not completed

13. If owing to any cause beyond the control of the practitioner or because he refers the patient for treatment under paragraph 9 hereof, he is unable to complete any treatment which has been commenced, he shall forthwith notify the Board in writing of the amount of treatment completed, and of the reason for his inability to complete the remainder, and if the treatment is given under regulations 23 to 25 the Council shall be entitled to claim from the person concerned such fees based on the appropriate scale as may be approved by the Board in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

Completion of treatment

14. A practitioner shall complete treatment with reasonable expedition and shall, except where orthodontic treatment is involved, not take longer than 6 months from the date upon which the patient is accepted by him for treatment:

Provided that:—

(i) the time limit shall be 12 months in the case of treatment including extractions and the consequent provision of dentures;

(ii) treatment so far as it relates to the provision of dentures shall not be regarded as completed unless the dentures have been delivered to and remain in the possession of the patient;

(iii) the Council may, on an application in writing by the practitioner, extend the above time limits if the delay in completing the treatment is due to the patient's failure to attend for treatment or if the Council are satisfied that there is some other sufficient reason, and may do so although the application is not made until after the time limit has expired.

Supply of drugs

15.—(1) A practitioner may supply to a patient such drugs (being drugs specified in Schedule 3) as are required for immediate administration or application or for use before a supply can be obtained under the next following paragraph.

(2) A practitioner may supply any other drug which is administered by him in person.

(3) Any drug supplied under this paragraph shall be obtained by the practitioner in such manner as the Council may require.

16. A practitioner shall order, on a form to be provided by the Council for the purpose, such drugs specified in Schedule 3 (other than those supplied under paragraph 15 hereof) as are requisite for the treatment of any patient. The order shall be signed by the practitioner in his own handwriting and shall not be written in such a manner as to necessitate reference on the part of the person supplying the drugs to a previous order. A separate form shall be used for each patient.

Termination of service

17.—(1) Any arrangement between a Council and a practitioner for the provision of general dental services at a health centre may be terminated by either party giving to the other 3 months' notice in writing:

Provided that if the practitioner shall fail to comply with any of these terms of service the Council may terminate the arrangement by giving him one month's notice in writing.

(2) The Council may at any time suspend a practitioner from the discharge of his duties, but such suspension shall not affect the right of the practitioner to receive remuneration during the continuance thereof.

Revision of terms of service

18.—(1) The Council may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, alter the terms of service as from such date as the Secretary of State may approve by giving notice of the proposed alteration to each practitioner at a health centre.

(2) Except in the case of an alteration which results from the coming into operation of an Act of Parliament or from an amendment of any regulation, the Council shall before making an alteration consult with the Local Dental Committee and the alteration shall not come into operation within a period of 3 months from the date of issue of the notice.

Withdrawal or removal from dental list

19. A practitioner shall be entitled at any time to give notice in writing to the Council that he desires to withdraw his name from the dental list and his name shall be removed therefrom at the expiration of 3 months from the date of such notice or of such shorter period as the Council may agree:

Provided that if representations are made to the Tribunal under section 43 of the Act that the continued inclusion of a practitioner in the dental list would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the general dental services, he shall not, except with the consent of the Secretary of State and subject to such conditions, if any, as the Secretary of State may impose, be entitled to have his name removed from the list pending the termination of the proceedings on such representations.

Issue of notices to practitioners

20. Any notice which a Council is required or authorised by these terms of service to give to a practitioner shall be sufficiently given if it has been delivered to the practitioner or sent by post to him at the address last notified by him to the Council. If the notice is sent by post, it shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be served at the time at which a letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

SCHEDULE 2

TREATMENT FOR WHICH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD IS REQUIRED

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
I. Diagnosis	2(*a*) and (*b*)	Radiological examination— (*a*) in cases including apicectomy, involving five or more intra-oral films; (*b*) in orthodontic cases, involving seven or more intra-oral films, or three or more extra-oral films, or three or more intra-oral films together with three or more extra-oral films; or (*c*) in any other cases, involving four or more intra-oral films, or two or more extra-oral films, or three or more intra-oral films together with one or more extra-oral films.
II. Conservative Treatment	3	Scaling and gum treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3 to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	3(*b*)	Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment.
	5	Periodontal treatment other than treatment provided under items 3 and 4.
	8	Gold fillings.
	9	Inlays (except renewal of a facing under item 9(*c*) or refixing or recementing an inlay under item 9(*d*)).
	10	Crowning of permanent teeth (other than the initial provision under item 10(*f*) (i) or (ii) of one synthetic resin post or dowel crown with or without diaphragm where only a single crown is required during a course of treatment, and other than refixing or recementing a crown).
III. Surgical Treatment	11	Extractions necessitating the supply of dentures (other than the extraction of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over) or comprising part of a course of orthodontic treatment.

† Reference in this schedule to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	12	Alveolectomy; removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, etc.; surgery on soft tissue.
	13(*a*) (iii)	Administration of an anaesthetic in connection with treatment under item 11, where special difficulties arise owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is to be administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction.
	13(*b*)	General anaesthetic administered in connection with items 5, 7(*c*) and 12 of the scale of fees.
IV. Dentures, bridges and special appliances.	14	Provision of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin (other than the initial provision of full upper and lower dentures, or a full upper or full lower denture where a satisfactory full denture is already present in the other jaw, following the extraction during the same course of treatment of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over).
	15(*a*) (ii)	Relining of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
	15(*b*)	Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	15(*c*)	Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	18	Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
	19(*a*) (i)	Provision of dentures in stainless steel.
	19(*a*) (i)	Provision of dentures in chrome cobalt.
	19(*a*) (ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.
	19(*a*) (ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.
	19(*b*)	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost of more than £1 18s. 0d.
	19(*c*)	Additions to metal dentures.
	20	Bridges.
	21(*a*)	Provision of obturators.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	21(b)	Repairs to obturators at a cost of more than £1 18s. 0d.
	21(*c*)	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost of not more than £1 18s. 0d.
V. Treatment special to children.	22(*c*) (i)	Conservation by preparation of self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner.†
	22(*c*) (ii)	Conservation by topical applications of obtundents and coagulants where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner.†
	23(*a*) (i)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children aged 9 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	23(*a*) (ii)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under the age of 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment.
	23(*b*)	Removal of calculus where in exceptional cases it is present to an abnormal degree.
	23(*c*)	Removal of stain where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 11 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	24(*a*)	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances. (See item 11.)
VI. General Items	29	Any treatment not included in items 1–28 of the scale of fees.

† Reference in this schedule to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of the body.

SCHEDULE 3

List of Prescribed Drugs

In this schedule any reference to a drug includes a reference to any ingredient thereof and references to "B.P.", "B.P.C.", "B.N.F." and "D.P.F." are, except where otherwise stated, respectively references to the 1963 *edition of the British Pharmacopoeia and the British Pharmaceutical Codex and the* 1966 *edition of the British National Formulary and the Dental Practitioners' Formulary.*

Acetylsalicylic Acid
Alum
Benzoic Acid
Borax
Boric Acid
Caffeine
Calcium Gluconate
Calcium Lactate
Chloral Hydrate
Clove Oil
Phenacetin
Phenol
Potassium Bromide
Potassium Chlorate
Potassium Dichromate
Potassium Permanganate
Quinine Sulphite
Sodium Bicarbonate
Sodium Chloride
Sodium Perborate
Sodium Sulphite
Tannic Acid
Zinc Chloride
Zinc Sulphate

Capsules

Tetracycline Capsules, B.P.

Cream

Neomycin and Hydrocortisone Cream, B.P.C.

Draught

Chloral Draught, D.P.F.

Elixirs

Chloral Elixir Paediatric, B.P.C.
Paracetamol Elixir Paediatric, B.P.C.
Promethazine Elixir, B.N.F.
Tetracycline Elixir, B.N.F.
Any elixir containing methylpentynol as sole active ingredient

Emulsions

Chloroform Emulsion, B.P.C.
Peppermint Emulsion, B.P.C.

Gargles

Ferric Chloride Gargle, B.P.C.
Phenol Gargle, B.P.C.
Potassium Chlorate and Phenol Gargle, B.P.C.

Glycerins

Borax Glycerin, D.P.F.
Tannic Acid Glycerin, B.P.C.
Compound Thymol Glycerin, B.P.C.

Inhalations

Menthol and Benzoin Inhalation, B.P.C.
Menthol and Eucalyptus Inhalation, B.P.C.

Lozenges

Benzalkonium Lozenges, B.P.C.
Benzocaine Lozenges, D.P.F.
Betamethasone Lozenges, D.P.F.
Compound Benzocaine Lozenges, B.P.C.
Formaldehyde Lozenges, B.P.C.
Hydrocortisone Lozenges, B.P.C.
Potassium Chlorate Lozenges, D.P.F.

Mixture

Magnesium Hydroxide Mixture, B.P.

Mouth-washes

Alkaline Phenol Mouth-wash, B.P.C.
Compound Sodium Chloride Mouth-wash, B.P.C.
Hydrogen Peroxide Mouth-wash, D.P.F.
Sodium Perborate Mouth-wash, D.P.F.
Zinc Sulphate and Zinc Chloride Mouth-wash, B.P.C.

Ointment

Nystatin Ointment, D.P.F.

Paints

Brilliant Green and Crystal Violet Paint, B.N.F.
Compound Iodine Paint, B.P.C.

Paste

Triamcinolone Paste, D.P.F.

Poultice

Kaolin Poultice, B.P.

Solution-tablets

Mouth-wash Solution-tablets, B.P.C.
Compound Thymol Solution-tablets, B.P.C.

Solutions

Amaranth Solution, B.P.C.
Surgical Chlorinated Soda Solution, B.P.C.

Formaldehyde Solution, B.P.
Hydrogen Peroxide Solution, B.P.
Weak Iodine Solution, B.P.

Syrup

Triclofos Syrup, B.N.F.

Tablets

Acetomenaphthone Tablets, B.P.
Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Compound Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.C.
Soluble Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Acetylsalicylic Acid and Phenacetin Tablets, B.P.C.
Strong Compound Aneurine Tablets, B.P.C.
Ascorbic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Calcium Gluconate Tablets, B.P.C.
Calcium Gluconate Effervescent Tablets, B.P.C.
Calcium Lactate Tablets, B.P.
Calcium Sodium Lactate Tablets, B.P.C.
Calcium with Vitamin D. Tablets, B.P.C.
Chlorpheniramine Tablets, B.P.
Compound Codeine Tablets, B.P.
Codeine Phosphate Tablets, B.P.
Dichloralphenazone Tablets, B.P.
Erythromycin Tablets, B.P.
Meprobamate Tablets, B.P.
Metronidazole Tablets, B.P.
Nystatin Tablets, B.P.
Paracetamol Tablets, B.P.
Phenindamine Tablets, B.P.
Promethazine Hydrochloride Tablets, B.P.
Tetracycline Tablets, B.P.
Triclofos Tablets, B.P.

Tincture

Pyrethrum Tincture, B.P.C. 1934

Waters

Chloroform Water
Peppermint Water

Barbiturates

Phenobarbitone Elixir, B.P.C.
Tablets or capsules of any barbiturate which are included in the Dental Practitioners' Formulary

Penicillin

Injections of Procaine Benzylpenicillin, whether or not containing Benzylpenicillin.
Benzyl Penicillin Injection, B.P.
Benzyl Penicillin Lozenges, B.P.C.
Benzyl Penicillin Tablets, B.P.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Capsules, B.P.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Mixture, B.N.F.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Tablets, B.P.

Sulphonamides

Sulphadimidine Mixture Paediatric, B.P.C.
Tablets of any suphonamide which are included in the Dental Practitioners' Formulary.

SCHEDULE 4

FORMS

PART I

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SCOTLAND)
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

Form of Application for Inclusion in Dental List

To the Executive Council for .....

I .....

of .....

a registered dental practitioner, undertake to provide general dental services under the National Health Service (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1961, on the terms in operation for the time being in the area of the Council, and apply to have my name included in the Dental List.

Particulars of my usual surgery hours are given below.

Address of Surgery and/or Health Centre	Days and hours of attendance	
	Days	Hours
(Surgery)	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

I see patients by appointment only.*

* Delete as necessary.

(Health Centre)	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

To be completed where appropriate

(*a*) I intend to practise/am practising* as a single-handed principal.

(*b*) I intend to practise/am practising* as a partner of.....

.....whose name is in the dental list of

.....Executive Council

and whose number is.....

(*c*) I am/have applied to be* also in the dental list of.....

.....Executive Council

and my number is.....

* Delete which of these is not applicable.

Signed.....

Date.....

Form E.C.21. (Scotland)

PART II

Form of Dental Acceptance Card

(Front)

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE—SCOTLAND

Dental Acceptance Card

Mr.
Mrs.
Miss } .....

Address .....

.....

.....

I accept you as a patient under the National Health Service for the dental treatment decided on when you consulted me on ..... 19 .....

Signature of Dentist .....

(Over)

(Back)

Particulars of Appointments

Date Hour

Place of Treatment
(Rubber Stamp)

Note:—Patients should give their dentist as much notice as possible if for any reason they are likely to be unable to keep an appointment. Failure to do so may result in treatment being delayed and the patient having to pay the dentist for the broken appointment.

It is a condition of receiving dental treatment under the National Health Service that a patient should, if required to do so, attend for examination by a dental officer appointed by the Secretary of State.

PART III

DENTAL ESTIMATE FORM

(FRONT)

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE—SCOTLAND

Part 1A. To be completed by the Practitioner.

Patient's Surname (Mr./Mrs./Miss) (block letters)

First Christian Name (block letters)

Patient's Full Date of Birth (Required in all cases) — Day | Month | Year

Address

Dentist's name, address and E.C. list number (rubber stamp).

Date of Receipt for Payment
FOR USE BY BOARD

Part 1B. To be completed by the Patient so far as applicable.

(*a*) **I desire dental treatment under the National Health Service.** I understand that it is a condition of receiving treatment under the National Health Service that I shall, if required, submit myself for examination by a Dental Officer appointed by the Secretary of State. I am not at present being treated by another dentist.

(*b*) **I undertake to pay the dentist the sum of** ——→ and I understand that the dentist may require me to pay the whole or part of this sum before proceeding with the work.

A	£	s.	d.

(*c*) **I declare that :—**

(i) I am under 16/over 16 and under 21† years of age.

(ii) I am attending full-time ..... School at ..... (town)
(applies only if over 16 and claiming exemption from charges for dentures, additions to and relining of dentures, or bridges.)

(iii) I am an expectant mother and expect my confinement on or about ——→

(iv) I am the mother of a child born on

I undertake to provide such documentary evidence as may be required in support of my statement above.

B	Day	Month	Year

† Delete whichever of these is not applicable.

C	Day	Month	Year

**Patient's Signature* .....

Persons making a false declaration will be liable to a penalty.

Part 2. To the Scottish Dental Estimates Board.

Date of Acceptance for Treatment

I have examined this patient, whose dentition is as shown in Part 6, and I propose to carry out the treatment detailed in Part 7 which is in my opinion necessary to secure dental fitness except in so far as I have detailed in Part 8 the treatment which the patient is not willing to undergo.

Dentist's Signature ..... *Date* .....

Prior Approval Cases Only

Part 3. To the Dentist.

The treatment detailed in Part 7 is approved at £ : :

including payment by the Patient of the sum of £ : : .

D	

Signed for the Board ..... *Date of Authorisation*

Part 4. To be completed by the Dentist.

I certify that the treatment as detailed in Part 7 has been completed. No part of the treatment in respect of which I claim fees has been carried out on behalf of the National Health Service Hospital Authority, and I claim payment accordingly.

Date of Completion of Treatment.

E	Day	Month	Year

Dentist's Signature .....

Part 5. To be completed by the Patient.

I certify that to the best of my belief treatment has been completed.

**Patient's Signature* .....

*If the patient is a child under 16 or is an invalid, the parent, the guardian, or other authorised person should sign for the patient.

F	Day	Month	Year

**Date of Examination* (only required if different from date of acceptance in Part 1) ——→

DENTAL ESTIMATE FORM

(BACK)

Part 6. **To be completed by Dentist.**

Strike out from this chart the figures corresponding to any teeth missing from the mouth.

	8	7	6	E 5	D 4	C 3	B 2	A 1	A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	6	7	8
R.	8	7	6	E 5	D 4	C 3	B 2	A 1	A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	6	7	8	L.

The patient is in possession of dentures as under:

Material:
Condition

Part 7.

	£	s.	d.
Examination and Advice and Report			
X-Ray and Report			
Scaling and Treatment of Gums			
Fillings			
Root Treatment			
Extractions			
General Anaesthetic			
(administered on ..... occasions by ..... doctor/dentist)			
Crowns: Type ..... Material ..... Initial/Renewal/Replacement			
Inlays: Material ..... Facing? ..... Initial/Renewal/Replacement			
Dentures: Material			
Relines, Repairs, Additions			
Special Treatment required on clinical grounds			
Total Amount claimed (P)			

J ITEMS

0 0 1

For Use by Board

K MARKERS

Part 8. **Dentist's Observations.**

For use by Board

Enclosures: No. **Description**

PART IV

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE—SCOTLAND

SPECIAL TREATMENT AND APPLIANCES INVOLVING PAYMENT BY THE PATIENT

This form is to be completed in addition to and submitted with the Dental Estimate Form in respect of any more expensive type of treatment or appliance to be provided under regulation 23 at the request of the patient.

In the appropriate space below ENTER ONLY THE AMOUNT PROPOSED TO BE PAID BY THE PATIENT.

Patient's Name	Dentist's name, address and E.C. list number (rubber stamp).
Date of birth	

DETAILS OF TREATMENT AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES

	£	s.	d.
Fillings			
Dentures			
Other Treatment			
.....			

TO BE SIGNED BY THE PATIENT*

I desire the treatment as detailed above and understand that I am responsible for payment to the dentist of such charges as may be fixed by the Scottish Dental Estimates Board, not exceeding the amount shown above.

Signed* ..... Date .....

* In the case of a child or invalid, the parent, guardian or other authorised person should sign for the patient.

PART V

(FRONT)

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE—SCOTLAND

EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR CASUAL PATIENTS

Part 1A. To be completed by the Practitioner.

Patient's Surname (Mr./Mrs./Miss) (block letters)

First Christian Name (block letters)

Patient's Full Date of Birth (Required in all cases) — Day / Month / Year

Address

Dentist's name, address and E.C. list number (rubber stamp)

Date of Receipt for payment — FOR USE BY BOARD

Part 1B. To be completed by the Patient so far as applicable.

(*a*) I desire emergency dental treatment under the National Health Service. I understand that it is a condition of receiving treatment under the National Health Service that I shall, if required, submit myself for examination by a dental officer appointed by the Secretary of State.

(*b*) I undertake to pay the dentist the sum of——→ and I understand that the dentist may require me to pay the whole or part of this sum before proceeding with the work.

	£	s.	d.
A			

(*c*) I declare that :

I am under 21 years of age,

I am an expectant mother and expect my confinement on or about

I am the mother of a child born on

	Day	Month	Year
B			

* *Patient's Signature*

Persons making a false declaration will be liable to a penalty.

	Day	Month	Year
C			

Date of Acceptance for Treatment.

Part 2. To be completed by the Dentist.

I certify that emergency treatment as detailed in Part 4 has been completed, and I claim payment accordingly.

Dentist's Signature

Date of Completion of Treatment.

	Day	Month	Year
E			

Part 3. To be completed by the Patient.

I certify that to the best of my belief emergency treatment has been completed.

* *Patient's Signature*

* In the case of a child under 16 or an invalid, the parent, guardian or other authorised person should sign.

Part 4. Particulars of treatment given :

	£	s.	d.
Extractions			
General Anaesthetic (Administered by) Doctor/Dentist			
Dressings			
X-Ray			
Dentist's observations :			
TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED — P			

J ITEMS

K MARKERS 2 7

For Use by Board

(BACK)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Form is to be used only for casual patients urgently seeking treatment for the relief of pain or other casual treatment of the kinds set out below.

The treatment which may be the subject of this Form is as follows :—

1. Not more than two extractions.
2. General Anaesthetic.
3. Dressings.
4. A single radiological examination involving one intra-oral or extra-oral film in connection with Items 1 or 3 above.

This Form must not be used except for treatment of the kinds specified above and then only in case of urgency. In all other cases the Dental Estimate Form E.C. 17 (Scotland) must be used.

SCHEDULE 5

SCALE OF FEES FOR DENTAL TREATMENT AND CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS

PART I—DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination and report: ... 8s. 0d.

Provided that:—

(1) Only one fee shall be payable during a course of treatment.

(2) No fee shall be payable—

(*a*) for an examination in respect of repairs to dentures for edentulous patients,

(*b*) where the special form is used,

(*c*) where treatment is restricted to the treatment referred to in paragraph 3 (2) of Part I of Schedule 1,

(*d*) for a group examination in schools or institutions,

(*e*) for an examination of a person aged 21 years or over if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination and report on that person at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month during which a further examination is made,

(*f*) for an examination of a person under 21 years of age if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination and report on that person made within the preceding three months.

(3) In the case of a woman who is, or has been, pregnant and who is not edentulous, a fee shall be payable for one examination during the period of pregnancy and 12 months thereafter, additional to the examinations for which payment may otherwise be made under this item and all such examinations may be carried out at any time during the said period.

2. Radiological examination and report:

Fees per course of treatment:—

(*a*) Intra-oral films:

1 film	8s. 0d.
*2 films	10s. 0d.
*Each additional film	2s. 6d. up to a maximum of £1 15s. 0d.

(*b*) Extra-oral films:

*1 film	11s. 0d.
*Each additional film	6s. 6d. up to a maximum of £1 4s. 0d.

Provided that a fee shall not be payable in cases in which the Board have required the submission of the films, or in which the Board's prior approval was required unless the films or duplicates thereof are submitted to the Board.

† Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

PART II—CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

A. PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

3. Scaling, including the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, and the provision of prophylactic or other necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums, for persons aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment:—	
(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*)).	13s. 6d.
*(*b*) Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment:	Such fee as the Board may approve, not exceeding 13s. 6d.

* Provided that no fee shall be payable where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3 (*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done, unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained.

4. Treatment urgently required for acute infective conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa; fee per course of treatment.	8s. 0d.
5. *Other periodontal treatment, including where necessary, protracted scaling and gingivectomy (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):	Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £4 10s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

Provided that where gingivectomy and associated aftercare is involved an additional fee shall be allowed:—

For treatment relating to the first two adjacent teeth in one jaw £1 2s. 0d.
For treatment relating to additional teeth, per tooth 5s. 0d.

B. RESTORATIVE TREATMENT

6. Fillings (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment) except fillings in deciduous teeth of children under 16 years. The fillings to which this scale applies shall be permanent in character. Fee per filling:—	
(*a*) amalgam filling in:	
(i) a single surface cavity	13s. 6d. with a maximum of 13s. 6d. for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of 19s. 0d. for 2 or more such fillings per tooth not all in one surface.
(ii) a mesial—occlusal—distal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity in a molar or pre-molar tooth,	£1 16s. 0d.

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

† Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

(iii) a mesial—occlusal or distal—occlusal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity into the lingual or buccal surfaces or both in a molar or pre-molar tooth,	£1 4s. 0d. with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1 16s. 0d. per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	19s. 0d. with a maximum of £1 6s. 0d. for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
(*b*) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling.	19s. 0d. with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £1 9s. 0d.

Provided that:—

(*a*) for combinations of the types of fillings set out below in the same tooth no fee shall be payable in excess of the amount shown opposite:—

1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 1 of (*a*) (iii)	£1 10s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 1 of (*a*) (iv)	£1 4s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 2 or more of (*a*) (iv).	£1 11s. 0d.
1 of (*a*) (iii) with 1 or more of (*a*) (iv).	£1 11s. 0d.

(*b*) no fee in excess of £2 2s. 0d. shall be payable for any combination of any of the types of fillings necessary in one tooth.

7. Root treatment of permanent teeth, including all attention in connection therewith but not including the provision of X-rays or the insertion of any filling in the crown of the tooth:—	
(*a*) treatment comprising, either the devitalisation of the pulp of a tooth and the subsequent removal of the pulp followed by the necessary treatment and filling of each root canal of the tooth, or the treatment of septic root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal—	
Fee per single rooted non-septic tooth.	£1 15s. 0d.
Fee per multi-rooted or septic tooth.	£3 0s. 0d.
(*b*) Vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing, fee per tooth.	£1 10s. 0d.
(*c*) apicectomy, fee per tooth	£2 0s. 0d.
*8. Gold fillings (other than inlays)	£3 0s. 0d. per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £4 10s. 0d.

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

	A.	B.
9. Inlays (including any dressings):		
*(a) metal inlay	Alloys containing 60% or more fine gold.	Any other alloys.
(i) a single surface cavity	£4 5s. 0d.	£4 0s. 0d.
(ii) a compound cavity	£6 5s. 0d.	£5 0s. 0d.
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£6 0s. 0d.	£5 0s. 0d.
(iv) a confluent compound cavity ...	£8 0s. 0d.	£6 0s. 0d.
*(b) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £5 0s. 0d. to £9 0s. 0d.	
*(c) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate, or synthetic resin	15s. 0d. per inlay.	
(d) refixing or recementing an inlay ...	15s. 0d. per inlay.	
*(e) renewal or replacement by another inlay.	Such fee as the Board may approve, not exceeding the fee for a new inlay of the type being provided.	
10. Crowning of permanent teeth, including any dressings, but excluding root treatment:—		
*(a) Full veneer or jacket crown (on a vital or non-vital tooth):—		
(i) gold	£6 10s. 0d.	
(ii) gold with facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£7 5s. 0d.	
*(b) Three-quarter crown gold, cast ...	£8 0s. 0d.	
*(c) Full veneer or jacket crown:—		
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth...	£5 5s. 0d.	
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth	£4 0s. 0d.	
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£6 10s. 0d.	
*(d) Full veneer or jacket crown:—		
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth ...	£9 0s. 0d.	
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth...	£7 0s. 0d.	
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£10 0s. 0d.	
*(e) (i) Synthetic resin veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post	£5 15s. 0d.	
(ii) Porcelain veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post	£8 10s. 0d.	
*(f) Synthetic resin post or dowel crown:—		
(i) without diaphragm	£3 10s. 0d.	
(ii) with diaphragm	£5 15s. 0d.	
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing	£6 5s. 0d.	

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*(*g*) Modifications to the above crowns, and other forms of crown not in the opinion of the Board included in the above items	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £10 0s. 0d.
(*h*) Refixing or recementing a crown ...	15s. 0d. per crown.
*(*i*) Repair of a crown:—	
(i) Renewal of the coronal portion only of a post or dowel crown appropriate to item 10(*f*) (i) or 10(*f*) (ii)	£2 0s. 0d.
(ii) Other repair of a crown ...	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding two-thirds of the fee for a new crown of the type being repaired.
*(*j*) Renewal by a similar type of crown	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
*(*k*) Replacement by a different type of crown:	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.

Provided that where the Board approve the use of a special bonding technique in connection with a porcelain crown the Board may increase the fee by an amount not exceeding £5 0s. 0d.

PART III—SURGICAL TREATMENT

*11. Extractions:—

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	11s. 0d.	With an additional fee of 2s. 0d. for each quadrant of the mouth involved other than the first.
2 teeth	12s. 0d.	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	13s. 6d.	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	18s. 0d.	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1 2s. 6d.	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1 7s. 0d.	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1 11s. 6d.	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£1 16s. 0d.	
over 20 teeth:	£2 0s. 6d.	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal systemic condition of the patient the Board may allow an additional fee not exceeding £2 0s. 0d. per course.

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw	Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £3 10s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
(*b*) Removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth or grossly exostosed tooth, or other similar operation, including attention in connection therewith	Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £8 5s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
(*c*) Surgery on soft tissue, other than periodontal surgery appropriate to item 5	Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £1 15s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

13. Administration of a general anaesthetic:—

(*a*) In connection with treatment under item 11:—

(i) where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction administers the anaesthetic:

Fee per visit—

1 to 3 teeth extracted ...	15s. 0d.
4 to 11 teeth extracted ...	£1 1s. 0d.
12 to 19 teeth extracted ...	£1 11s. 6d.
20 teeth or over extracted...	£2 2s. 0d.

(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extraction:

Fee per patient per course of treatment. 8s. 0d.

*(iii) where the Board are satisfied that the anaesthetist would be faced with special difficulties owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is to be administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction: Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £4 14s. 6d. per course of treatment.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2 2s. 0d. per course of treatment shall be payable under (i) or under (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £5 10s. 0d. per course of treatment shall be payable for any combination of (iii) with (i), or with both (i) and (ii).

*(*b*) In connection with treatment under items 5, 7(*c*) and 12 where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment administers the anaesthetic: Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 2s. 0d.

Provided that in cases presenting special clinical difficulty the fee will be such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £4 14s. 6d.

PART IV—DENTURES, BRIDGES AND SPECIAL APPLIANCES OTHER THAN ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES

A. DENTURES

Fees for the provision of dentures cover the provision of all necessary clasps, rests and strengtheners and all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion.

*14. Dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin:—

(*a*) full upper and full lower dentures... £11 10s. 0d.

(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth ... £5 0s. 0d.
denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth ... £5 15s. 0d.
denture bearing 9 to 14 teeth ... £6 10s. 0d.

Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £11 10s. 0d.

(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar:—

(i) stainless steel ... ... £1 2s. 0d.

(ii) gold or other approved material Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 17s. 6d.

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

15. Relining or rebasing of dentures, or provision of soft linings to dentures, including all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:—	
(*a*) relining or rebasing dentures:—	
(i) not accompanied by repairs or additions	£2 5s. 0d. per denture.
*(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions	Such fee as the Board may approve.
*(*b*) Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 5s. 0d. per denture.
*(*c*) Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 5s. 0d. per denture.
16. Repairs (except repairs accompanying relining or rebasing which are appropriate to item 15 (*a*) (ii)):—	
(*a*) (i) repairing a crack or fracture (including provision of any strengthener), or	
(ii) refixing a tooth, or providing and fixing a replacement for a missing tooth (including any gum associated therewith), or	
(iii) refixing a clasp, or providing and fixing a replacement for a missing clasp (including any gum associated therewith), or	
(iv) covering exposed pins: One repair under (*a*) (i)-(iv) ...	17s. 0d.
(*b*) each additional repair under (*a*) (i)-(iv)	5s. 0d.
(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*):	17s. 0d. per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 18s. 0d. per denture shall be payable under item 16 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

17. Additions (except additions accompanying relining or rebasing, which are appropriate to item 15 (*a*) (ii)):—	
(*a*) addition of a clasp or tooth (including any gum associated therewith)	£1 8s. 0d.

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 17 (*a*): £1 8s. 0d. per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 18s. 0d. per denture shall be payable under item 17 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

*18. Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures:—

Fee per tooth in addition to the appropriate fee for a non-metallic based denture:—

(i) stainless steel	11s. 0d.
(ii) chrome cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold	17s. 0d.
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold	£1 10s. 0d.

*19. Metal dentures. These dentures may not be provided until such period after extraction (normally not less than 3 months) as the dentist thinks fit:—

(*a*) Fee per denture in:—

(i) Base metal alloys:	A. Stainless steel.	B. Chrome cobalt.
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£9 15s. 0d.	£12 5s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£11 0s. 0d.	£13 5s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£11 10s. 0d.	£14 5s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£12 10s. 0d.	£15 5s. 0d.
full denture	£11 0s. 0d.	£13 15s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal	15s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d. per denture.	15s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d. per denture.

(ii) Precious metal alloys:	A. Containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.	B. Containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£12 5s. 0d.	Such fee as the Board may approve.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£13 5s. 0d.	
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£14 5s. 0d.	
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£15 5s. 0d.	
full denture	£13 15s. 0d.	
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal	15s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d. per denture.	

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*b*) Repairs and (*c*) Additions	Fee appropriate to similar treatment to synthetic resin or vulcanite dentures as covered by items 16 and/or 17 together with such additional fee, if any, as the Board may approve.

B. BRIDGES AND SPECIAL APPLIANCES

*20. Bridges	Such fee as the Board may approve.
*21. (*a*) Obturators, fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £3 5s. 0d. to £5 10s. 0d. or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.
(*b*) Repairs to obturators	Such fee as the Board may approve.
(*c*) Treatment involving splints or other appliances (other than in connection with periodontal treatment).	Such fee as the Board may approve.

PART V—TREATMENT SPECIAL TO CHILDREN

22. Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth of children under 16 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment:—	
(*a*) By filling with amalgam, oxyphosphate cement, or other similar materials (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment):—	
(i) single surface cavity, per filling...	11s. 6d.
(ii) any other cavity, per filling ...	16s. 0d.
(*b*) By conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap:	16s. 0d. per tooth.
Provided that no fee in excess of 16s. 0d. shall be payable for the conservation of one tooth by the above types of conservation.	
(*c*) By conservation by other means:—	
(i) By preparing self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments:	
per tooth	8s. 0d.
maximum per patient ...	£1 0s. 0d.
*Provided that no fee shall be payable under (i) where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner† unless, in exceptional circumstances, the approval of the Board is first obtained.	

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

† Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

(ii) By topical applications of obtundents and coagulants:
per patient ... ... 8s. 0d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under (ii) where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner† unless, in exceptional circumstances, the approval of the Board is first obtained.

(*d*) By vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing, per tooth. 11s. 0d.

23. (*a*) Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under 16 years at the beginning of a course of treatment and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums: 6s. 0d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 23 (*a*)—

(i) where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23 (*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done

(ii) in respect of a patient under 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment

unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained

*(*b*) Removal of calculus, where in exceptional cases calculus is present to an abnormal degree, from the teeth of children under 16 years at the beginning of a course of treatment and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums 13s. 6d.

(*c*) Removal of stain including any necessary polishing: 6s. 0d.

Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 23 (*c*)—

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	*(i) where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23 (*c*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 11 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained	
	(ii) during a course of treatment where a fee is paid under item 23 (*a*) or (*b*).	
24.	*(*a*) Orthodontic treatment of children and young persons under 18 years at the beginning of a course of treatment	Such fee as the Board may approve.
	(*b*) Repairs to orthodontic appliances	Such fee as the Board may approve.

PART VI—GENERAL ITEMS

25.	Dressing of teeth in respect of a casual patient:—	
	Fee for one tooth	9s. 0d.
	Fee for two or more teeth	12s. 0d.
26.	Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:—	
	Fee per course	5s. 6d.
27.	Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination, etc.:—	
	Fee per course	8s. 0d.
28.	Treatment for arrest of abnormal haemorrhage, including abnormal haemorrhage following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:—	
	Fee per visit for arrest of bleeding or for administration of associated after-care:	17s. 6d.

Provided that: (i) the same practitioner † who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after-care; (ii) where the treatment consists solely of the removal of plugs and/or stitches the fee shall be only 10s. 0d.; (iii) the maximum fee per course of treatment shall be £2 5s. 0d. or such higher sum as the Board may in special circumstances approve.

*29.	Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale.	Such fee as the Board may approve.

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PART VII

CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS

(1) Where a material listed in column A hereunder is used, it shall conform to the specification published under the authority of the British Standards Institution and set out opposite in column B.

A	B
Acrylic resin denture base materials	BS. 2487: 1954
Dental amalgam alloy (silver-tin)	BS. 2938: 1961
Dental zinc phosphate cement	BS. 3364: 1961
Dental silicate cement and dental silico-phosphate cement ...	BS. 3365: 1961
Dental cobalt chromium casting alloy	BS. 3366: 1961
Dental gold solders	BS. 3384: 1961
Orthodontic wire and tape and dental ligature wire made of stainless steel	BS. 3507: 1962
Dental wrought precious metal alloy wire	BS. 3520: 1962

(2) The nature of materials used or to be used shall be specified on an estimate for the provision of (*a*) a crown, (*b*) an inlay, (*c*) a filling with any material other than amalgam, and (*d*) the provision or repair of, or additions to, a metal denture.

(3) All filling materials shall be of first-grade quality and suitable for each individual cavity. Cements, synthetic resins, gutta percha and copper amalgam may be used for the conservation of deciduous teeth. Silicate and silico-phosphate cements or self-polymerising synthetic resin filling materials shall be regarded as permanent filling materials for permanent teeth where they are used in anterior teeth, but shall not be so regarded, or so used, in teeth posterior to the canines (other than first and second premolars where the occlusal surfaces are not involved), unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained. Other cements, gutta percha and copper amalgam shall not be regarded as permanent filling materials for permanent teeth, or so used, unless in special circumstances the prior approval of the Board has been obtained. For the purposes of this paragraph cements shall be taken to include all filling materials which consist of powders in combination with liquids other than mercury.

(4) All materials used in dentures shall be of first grade quality. A plastic material other than vulcanite shall be used for the denture base or addition to a denture only if it is of a brand approved for the time being by the Secretary of State.

(5) Where pin teeth are used for vulcanite or other plastic base dentures, all pins shall be of precious metal, or nickel cased with gold or other precious metal, or nickel alloy cased with gold or other precious metal. Pins sheathed with gold anchored within the porcelain are within this specification. The teeth, whether porcelain or synthetic resin, shall be of first-grade quality.

(6) Porcelain diatoric anterior teeth may only be used in vulcanite or other plastic base dentures when artificial gum is necessary.

(7) Strengtheners shall be compatible with the denture base materials used and not liable to change in the mouth.

(8) Bands and clasps shall be of either—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 40 per cent. of fine gold, platinum or palladium, and including not less than 15 per cent. of gold, and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal, or

(*b*) stainless steel, or

(*c*) such other material as may be approved for the time being by the Secretary of State.

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Bands shall be not less than No. 7 gauge in thickness.

(9) In cases of close bite where porcelain or synthetic resin teeth cannot be used, cusps of the following material may be used—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 33⅓ per cent. of fine gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal, or

(*b*) stainless steel, or

(*c*) such other materials as may be approved for the time being by the Secretary of State.

(10) Metal used for crowns, denture bases, backings, posts and tags shall be—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 33⅓ per cent. of fine gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal, or

(*b*) stainless steel, or

(*c*) such other materials as may be approved for the time being by the Secretary of State, and

(*d*) shall be of adequate strength.

(11) Casing of gold cased lingual or palatal bars shall be of not less than 18 carat gold.

(12) Synthetic resin material shall not be used for inlays.

(13) Self-polymerising resins shall not be used in the construction of permanent crowns.

SCHEDULE 6

REGULATIONS REVOKED

Regulations revoked	References
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1955	S.I. 1955/258 (1955 I, p. 1384)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1955	S.I. 1955/610 (1955 I, p. 1417)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1956	S.I. 1956/1266 (1956 I, p. 1601)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1957	S.I. 1957/310 (1957 I, p. 1486)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1957 ...	S.I. 1957/733 (1957 I, p. 1499)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1958	S.I. 1958/838 (1958 II, p. 1556)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1958 ...	S.I. 1958/2219 (1958 II, p. 1559)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1960	S.I. 1960/1084 (1960 II, p. 2115)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1961	S.I. 1961/916 (1961 II, p. 1768)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1962	S.I. 1962/1239 (1962 II, p. 1346)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1963	S.I. 1963/1689 (1963 III, p. 3225)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1963 ...	S.I. 1963/2130 (1963 III, p. 4730)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1965	S.I. 1965/1675 (1965 III, p. 4769)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1966	S.I. 1966/75 (1966 I, p. 152)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1966 ...	S.I. 1966/732 (1966 II, p. 1694)
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1966 ...	S.I. 1966/891 (1966 II, p. 2094)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations are a consolidation of the regulations relating to general dental services, revoked by Schedule 6, together with a number of amendments.

The principal amendments are as follows:—

(*a*) The terms of service formerly applicable to all dentists providing general dental services at a health centre are now confined to dentists employed by an Executive Council at a health centre (regulation 3(1) and (2) and Schedule 1);

(*b*) Provision is no longer made for inclusion in the dental list of a Council of particulars relating to dental assistants, and the application form for admission to the list no longer makes provision relating to applicants who are acting as assistants (regulation 4(3), and Schedule 4, Part I);

(*c*) Practitioners are required to notify the Council of changes affecting their entries in the dental list (regulation 4(4));

(*d*) Councils may recover charges direct from patients where the practitioner has in certain circumstances been unable to do so (regulation 22(6));

(*e*) The types of more expensive appliances which may be provided for a patient, on payment of an additional charge, have been extended (regulation 23);

(*f*) Over-payments made to a practitioner may be deducted by a Council from his remuneration (regulation 32(1));

(*g*) Certain claims by a practitioner for payment are specifically prohibited (Schedule 1, Part I, paragraph 6(3));

(*h*) New provisions are made with respect to the completion of dental estimate forms (ibid., paragraph 7(1));

(*i*) Practitioners who have been required to submit all estimates in respect of any treatment (other than examination or emergency treatment) for prior approval by the Scottish Dental Estimates Board are required to apply for such prior approval in all areas in which they practice (ibid., paragraph 7(4)(*c*));

(*j*) New provisions are made in respect of signatures by deputies and assistants (ibid., paragraph 7(6));

(*k*) A practitioner is required to provide all dental treatment personally except where otherwise permitted (ibid., paragraph 12(1));

(*l*) A practitioner may normally employ only 2 assistants and must notify the Council of their employment within 7 days. He must give the Council such particulars concerning assistants as the Council may require. He is subject to certain restrictions in their employment (ibid., paragraph 12(3), (4), (7) and (8)).