for the rates of 8s. 6d. and 17s. there shall be respectively substituted the rates of 9s. and 18s. in respect of payments made on and after the thirtieth day of June, 1959; and

(*b*) in part I of the third schedule (which part prescribes a list of appliances), after the words "Eye shades" there shall be inserted the words "Finger cots".

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(L.S.) *Derek Walker-Smith,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1954, (*a*) by increasing the rates payable to National Health Service doctors for the treatment of patients who are temporary residents from 8s. 6d. or 17s. (as the case may be) to 9s. and 18s. respectively, in respect of all payments made by Executive Councils on the 30th June, 1959, and thereafter, and (*b*) by adding finger cots to the list of appliances which may be supplied to persons receiving general medical services.

1958 No. 2024

The National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations, 1958

Made - - - -	*1st December,* 1958
Laid before Parliament	*5th December,* 1958
Coming into Operation	*8th December,* 1958

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 41, 74 and 79 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations, 1958, and shall come into operation on the eighth day of December, 1958.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1956(**c**), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For paragraph (1) of regulation 4 (which regulation prescribes the qualifications of persons entitled to provide supplementary ophthalmic

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1956/1078 (1956 I, p. 1524).

services) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" (1) For the purposes of Part IV of the Act the expression " medical practitioner having the prescribed qualifications " means a medical practitioner who has:—

(*a*) held an appointment under the Hospital and Specialist Services provided under Part II of the Act with the status of consultant ophthalmologist, or held for a period of two years an appointment of equivalent status as an ophthalmic surgeon or assistant ophthalmic surgeon on the staff of an ophthalmic hospital or a hospital having a special ophthalmic department approved for this purpose by the committee hereinafter referred to, or

(*b*) obtained the Diploma in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery or the Diploma in Ophthalmology (Conjoint Board) or the Diploma in Ophthalmology (Oxon) or any other higher degree or qualification approved by the committee hereinafter referred to, and held for the period of two years an appointment or appointments in an ophthalmic hospital or the ophthalmic department of a general hospital approved for this purpose by the committee, of which period at least six months shall have been spent in a resident appointment, or in an appointment with duties similar to those in a resident appointment,

Provided that the requirement that a practitioner shall have spent at least six months in a resident appointment, or in an appointment with duties similar to those in a resident appointment, shall not apply to a medical practitioner qualified at least ten years before he applies to the committee for consideration of his experience, where the Minister is advised by the committee that the practitioner's experience is such as to make that requirement unnecessary, or

(*c*) before the first day of November, 1951,

(i) completed an academic or post graduate course in ophthalmology approved for this purpose by the committee and received a diploma or certificate in respect of such course, or

(ii) held for a period of two years an appointment as an ophthalmic surgeon or assistant ophthalmic surgeon on the staff of an eye hospital, or a hospital having a special eye department, approved for this purpose by the committee, or

(iii) held for a period of two years any appointment approved for this purpose by the committee affording special opportunities for acquiring the necessary skill and experience of the kind required for the services to be rendered,

and who, in the case of a practitioner qualified under sub-paragraphs (*a*) or (*b*) of this paragraph, has shown to the satisfaction of the Minister acting on the advice of the committee that he has had adequate, including recent, experience, or in the case of a practitioner qualified under sub-paragraph (*c*) of this paragraph so shows that he had adequate experience immediately prior to the first day of November, 1951, and has also had recent experience.

For the purpose of this paragraph the expression " the committee " means the committee recognised by the Minister for the

purpose of approving any hospital, degree or qualification which is required by the paragraph to be approved and of advising the Minister in accordance with the requirements of the paragraph."

(2) In paragraph (3) of the said regulation 4 after the words " examination of the Institute of Optical Science ; " there shall be deleted the word " or " and after the words " Fellowship of the Institute of Optical Science." there shall be added the word " ; or ".

(3) After sub-paragraph (*b*) of the said paragraph (3) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :—

" or

(*c*) he has been in practice as an ophthalmic optician for fifteen years since the 5th day of July, 1928, and he satisfies the committee hereinafter referred to of his standard of skill as an ophthalmic optician,"

(4) After sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (4) of the said regulation 4, there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :—

" or

(*d*) he has been engaged as an optician for ten years since the 5th day of July, 1933, and he satisfies the committee hereinafter referred to of his standard of skill as a dispensing optician,"

(5) At the end of paragraph (2) of regulation 12 (which paragraph provides for the supply of lenses) there shall be added the following proviso :—

" Provided that the optician shall not supply lenses as part of supplementary ophthalmic services fitted to a frame not so supplied, where that frame is of a type and quality that may be supplied as part of such services."

(6) For paragraph (4) of the said regulation 12 (which paragraph provides for the completion and sending of a form on the supply of glasses) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" (4) The optician shall return the form to the Committee for payment and, except where not relevant, part VIII thereof shall be duly completed."

(7) For the proviso to paragraph 12 of Part II of the First Schedule (which paragraph restricts the use by ophthalmic opticians of the names of other persons, firms or companies disqualified by the Tribunal) there shall be substituted the following proviso :—

" Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent an ophthalmic optician, being a person, from using his own name ".

(8) For the proviso to paragraph 10 of Part III of the First Schedule (which paragraph restricts the use by dispensing opticians of the names of other persons, firms or companies disqualified by the Tribunal) there shall be substituted the following proviso :—

" Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a dispensing optician, being a person, from using his own name ".

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(L.S.)

Derek Walker-Smith,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1956, by enabling further classes of persons to be qualified to provide supplementary ophthalmic services. They also prohibit the supply of National Health Service lenses when fitted to a frame not supplied under the Service, but which is of a type and quality that may be so supplied.

The regulations also make minor amendments in respect of the completion of forms and the use of names of opticians disqualified by the Tribunal set up under the National Health Service Act, 1946.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1958 No. 2170

The National Health Service (Remuneration and Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1958

Made - - - -	18*th December*, 1958
Laid before Parliament	23*rd December*, 1958
Coming into Operation	1*st January*, 1959

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 66 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(**a**), and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Remuneration and Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1958, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1959.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The National Health Service (Remuneration and Conditions of Service) Amendment Regulations, 1957(**c**), and the National Health Service (Remuneration and Conditions of Service) Amendment No. 2 Regulations, 1957(**d**), are hereby revoked without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health this eighteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(L.S.)

Derek Walker-Smith,
Minister of Health.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.
(**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1957/494 (1957 I, p. 1475).
(**d**) S.I. 1957/730 (1957 I, p. 1477).