1988 No. 302

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Payments for Optical Appliances (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*16th August 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*1st September 1988*

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

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Payments for Optical Appliances (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1988.

(2) In these regulations, "the principal regulations" means the Payments for Optical Appliances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**c**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) For each amount specified in column 2 of the Schedule, where it appears in column 3 in Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations in relation to the letter code specified in column 1 of the Schedule, there is substituted the amount specified in column 3 of the Schedule.

(2) In Part II of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, special glasses and complex appliances), in paragraph 1(1)(*e*) and (*g*) for "£30" there is substituted in each case "£31·50".

Application of regulations and revocations

3.—(1) The increases effected apply only in relation to vouchers accepted pursuant to regulation 5 of the principal regulations on or after 1st September 1988 or sent to the Agency pursuant to regulation 7(2)(*c*) of the principal regulations in respect of cost incurred on or after that date; and for the purposes of those regulations the redemption value of a voucher so accepted before that date or so sent in respect of cost incurred before that date shall be determined according to its face value when it was accepted or when the cost was incurred.

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14). As amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) and S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2)
(**b**) Formerly Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**c**) S.R. 1986 No. 164. As amended by S.R. 1988 No. 80 and S.R. 1988 No. 151

(2) Regulation 2(4) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Payments for Optical Appliances (Amendment) Regulations 1988(**a**) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 16th August 1988.

(L.S.) *J. R. Kearney*
Assistant Secretary

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 16th August 1988.

(L.S.) *Joan A. Mills*
Assistant Secretary

(a) S.R. 1988 No. 80

SCHEDULE Regulation 2(1)

Amounts substituted in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Principal Regulations

Column 1 *Letter Code*	Column 2 *Old Amount*	Column 3 *New Amount*
A	£15·50	£16·25
B	£25·50	£27·00
C	£42·00	£44·00
D	£29·50	£31·00
E	£50·00	£52·50
F	£85·00	£89·00
G	£85·00	£89·00

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Payments for Optical Appliances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986, which provide for payments to be made, by means of a voucher system, in respect of the cost incurred by certain categories of persons for the supply of optical appliances prescribed following a sight test under the health service.

The values of the vouchers (which bear a letter code according to the type of appliance prescribed or the type of lenses in it) are increased by an average of approximately 5% (regulation 2(1) and the Schedule) and additions for glasses for those with an inter-pupillary distance of 60 millimetres or less and glasses with specially manufactured frames are increased by 5% (regulation 2(2)).