



Dear Colleague

## GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

### Increase in Optical Voucher Values

#### Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of increases in the NHS optical voucher values and allowances for repairs and replacements with effect from 1 April 2008.

#### Background

2. The new voucher values are shown in Annex A and B to the Memorandum to this letter.

#### Action

3. NHS Boards are asked to:

3.1 **urgently** copy and distribute to all optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners on their lists the Memorandum to this letter; and

3.2 send a copy of the NHS (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008, which bring the revised voucher values into effect, to all optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners on their lists. If an optometrist or ophthalmic medical practitioner has more than one address within a NHS Board area he/she should only be sent one copy of the Regulations. Copies of the amending regulations will be sent to NHS Boards once available.

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#### Addresses

##### For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

Director, Practitioner Services

##### For information

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4. Practitioner Services are asked to pay the revised values for vouchers presented to suppliers by patients **on or after 1 April 2008**.

Yours sincerely

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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE  
GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES**

**Increase in Optical Voucher Values**

1. This Memorandum advises of increases in the NHS optical voucher values and allowances for repairs and replacements from 1 April 2008.
2. An increase of 2.7% has been made to voucher values and supplements. The new voucher values are set out in Annex A and B to this Memorandum. The new values apply to vouchers presented to suppliers by patients **on or after 1 April 2008**.
3. A copy of the NHS (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008, which bring the revised voucher values into effect, will be sent to you for information and retention as soon as they are available.
4. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Health Directorates  
11 March 2008

**VOUCHER LETTER CODES AND FACE VALUES  
SUPPLY AND REPLACEMENT**

<i>Column 1 Type of optical appliance</i>	<i>Column 2 Letter code</i>	<i>Column 3 Face value of voucher</i>
1. Glasses with single vision lenses of a spherical power of not more than 6 dioptres with a cylindrical power of not more than 2 dioptres.	A	£35.50
2. Glasses with single vision lenses -  (a) of a spherical power of more than 6 dioptres but less than 10 dioptres with a cylindrical power of not more than 6 dioptres;  (b) of a spherical power of less than 10 dioptres with a cylindrical power of more than 2 dioptres but not more than 6 dioptres.	B	£54.00
3. Glasses with single vision lenses of a spherical power of 10 or more dioptres but not more than 14 dioptres with a cylindrical power of not more than 6 dioptres.	C	£79.00
4. Glasses with single vision lenses -  (a) of a spherical power of more than 14 dioptres with any cylindrical power;  (b) of a cylindrical power of more than 6 dioptres with any spherical power.	D	£178.40
5. Glasses with bifocal lenses of a spherical power of not more than 6 dioptres with a cylindrical power of not more than 2 dioptres.	E	£61.40
6. Glasses with bifocal lenses -  (a) of a spherical power of more than 6 dioptres but less than 10 dioptres with a cylindrical power of not more than 6 dioptres;  (b) of a spherical power of less than 10 dioptres with a cylindrical power of more than 2 dioptres but not more than 6 dioptres.	F	£78.10

7. Glasses with bifocal lenses of a spherical power of 10 or more dioptres but not more than 14 dioptres with a cylindrical power of not more than 6 dioptres.	G	£101.20
8. Glasses with prism-controlled bifocal lenses of any power or with bifocal lenses -  (a) of a spherical power of more than 14 dioptres with any cylindrical power;  (b) with a cylindrical power of more than 6 dioptres with any spherical power.	H	£196.10
9. Glasses not falling within any of paragraphs 1 to 8 for which a prescription is given in consequence of a testing of sight by an NHS Board.	I	£182.70
10. Contact lenses for which a prescription is given in consequence of a testing of sight by an NHS Board.	J	£51.90 per lens

## Supplements

	Old value	New value
<b>Complex lens:</b>		
Single vision	£13.00	£13.40
Bifocal	£33.00	£33.90
<b>Tints/photochromic per lens:</b>		
Single vision	£3.80	£3.90
Bifocal	£4.30	£4.40
<b>Prism per lens:</b>		
Single vision	£11.30	£11.60
Bifocal	£13.50	£13.90
<b>Small glasses:</b>	£57.00	£58.50
<b>Special facial characteristics (HES or NHS Board):</b>	£57.00	£58.50

## VOUCHER VALUES - REPAIR

Column 1 Nature of Repair to Appliance	Column 2 Letter Codes – Values								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H f	I £
Repair or replacement of one lens	11.05	20.30	32.80	82.50	24.00	32.35	43.90	91.35	84.65
Repair or replacement of two lenses	22.10	40.60	65.60	165.00	48.00	64.70	87.80	182.70	169.30
Repair or replacement of:									
The front of a frame	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35
a side of a frame	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
the whole of the frame	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40

**Note**

1. Where the small glasses supplement applies, the amount payable for repair of:

- the front of the frame is £51.90
- the side of the frame is £28.00
- the whole of the frame is £58.50

2. Where more than one repair is made to an optical appliance, the total paid must not exceed the aggregate of the amount for replacing two lenses in the above schedule, and repairs to the part of the frame must not exceed £13.40.