

Dear Colleague

GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

INCREASE IN OPTICAL VOUCHER VALUES

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of increases in the optical voucher values and allowances for repairs and replacements with effect from 1 April 2016.

Action

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note the new voucher values contained in the Memorandum to this letter.

3. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are also asked to note that the NHS (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016, which bring the revised voucher values into effect, can be viewed or downloaded at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2016/127/contents/made>

Hard copies will not be sent on this occasion.

17 March 2016

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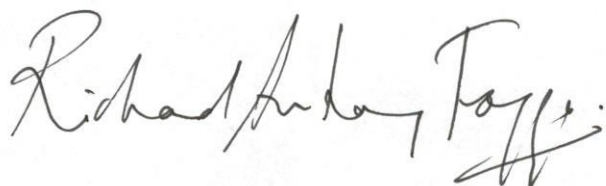
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4. NHS Boards are asked to **urgently** copy and issue the Memorandum to this letter to all optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners on their ophthalmic lists.

5. Practitioner Services are asked to pay the revised values for vouchers presented to suppliers by patients **on or after 1 April 2016**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Foggo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long, sweeping underline.

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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES**

Increase in Optical Voucher Values

1. This Memorandum advises of increases in optical voucher values and allowances for repairs and replacements from 1 April 2016.

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2. An increase of 1% 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 2016**.

3. A copy of the NHS (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016, which bring the revised voucher values into effect, can be viewed or downloaded at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2016/127/contents/made>

Enquiries

Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Population Health Improvement Directorate
17 March 2016

**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 dioptries with a cylindrical power of not more than 2 dioptries.	A	£39.10
2. Glasses with single vision lenses -	B	£59.30
(a) of a spherical power of more than 6 dioptries but less than 10 dioptries with a cylindrical power of not more than 6 dioptries;		
(b) of a spherical power of less than 10 dioptries with a cylindrical power of more than 2 dioptries but not more than 6 dioptries.		
3. Glasses with single vision lenses of a spherical power of 10 or more dioptries but not more than 14 dioptries with a cylindrical power of not more than 6 dioptries.	C	£86.90
4. Glasses with single vision lenses -	D	£196.00
(a) of a spherical power of more than 14 dioptries with any cylindrical power;		
(b) of a cylindrical power of more than 6 dioptries with any spherical power.		
5. Glasses with bifocal lenses of a spherical power of not more than 6 dioptries with a cylindrical power of not more than 2 dioptries.	E	£67.50
6. Glasses with bifocal lenses -	F	£85.60
(a) of a spherical power of more than 6 dioptries but less than 10 dioptries with a cylindrical power of not more than 6 dioptries;		
(b) of a spherical power of less than 10 dioptries with a cylindrical power of more than 2 dioptries but not more than 6 dioptries.		

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	£111.20
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	£215.50
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	£200.80
10. Contact lenses for which a prescription is given in consequence of a testing of sight by an NHS Board.	J	£57.00 per lens

Supplements

	Old value	New value
Complex lens:		
Single vision	£14.50	£14.60
Bifocal	£37.00	£37.40
Tints/photochromic per lens:		
Single vision	£4.30	£4.40
Bifocal	£4.80	£4.90
Prism per lens:		
Single vision	£12.50	£12.60
Bifocal	£15.20	£15.40
Small glasses:	£63.60	£64.20
Special facial characteristics (HES or NHS Board):	£63.60	£64.20

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	12.15	22.25	36.05	90.60	26.35	35.40	48.20	100.35	93.00
Repair or replacement of two lenses	24.30	44.50	72.10	181.20	52.70	70.80	96.40	200.70	186.00
Repair or replacement of:									
The front of a frame	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45
a side of a frame	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35
the whole of the frame	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80

Note

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

- the front of the frame is £57.00
- the side of the frame is £30.80
- the whole of the frame is £64.20

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 £14.80.