

1989 No. 269

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989**

Made 10th July 1989

Coming into operation 31st July 1989

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 62, 106 and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel(b) and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of medical practitioners practising as ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians, as required by Article 62(3) of the said Order, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1989.

(2) In these regulations, the “principal regulations” means the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(c).

Amendment of regulation 14 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 14 of the principal regulations in paragraph (1A) for “13B(4)” there shall be substituted “15B(4)”.

Amendment of terms of service

3.—(1) Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (Terms of Service) is amended according to the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph 2 for sub-paragraph (c) there is substituted the following:

“(c) regulation 9(2) to (6) of the Optical Charges and Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989;”.

(3) In paragraph 10 (Testing of Sight)

(a) for sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) there are substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14). As amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) and S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24)

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. 1986 No. 163. As amended by S.R. 1988 No. 110 and S.R. 1989 No. 113

“(1) A contractor shall, having accepted pursuant to the regulations an application for the testing of sight, test the sight of a patient to determine whether the patient needs to wear or use an optical appliance, and on so doing shall fulfil any duty imposed on him by, or in regulations made under, Section 20B of the Opticians Act 1958(a).

(2) Where a contractor is of the opinion that a patient whose sight he has tested pursuant to sub-paragraph (1)—

(a) shows on examination signs of injury, disease or abnormality in the eye or elsewhere which may require medical treatment; or

(b) is not likely to attain a satisfactory standard of vision notwithstanding the application of corrective lenses,

he shall so inform the patient's doctor.

(3) Where a contractor tests the sight of a patient diagnosed as suffering from diabetes or glaucoma he shall inform the patient's doctor of the results of the test.”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (4) for “issued pursuant to sub-paragraph (3)” there is substituted “for glasses issued following a testing of sight under general ophthalmic services”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 10th July 1989.

(L.S.)

R. McMurray

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 10th July 1989.

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R. A. H. Miller

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1958 c.32: section 20B was inserted by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c.49); see S.R. 1989 No. 268

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 which provide for the arrangements under which ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians ("contractors") provide general ophthalmic services.

Regulations 2 and 3(2) rectify minor drafting errors.

Regulation 3(1) and (3) amends the contractors' terms of service. The amendment requires a contractor to test a patient's sight to determine whether or not he needs an optical appliance and to comply with the statutory requirements imposed by and under section 20B of the Opticians Act 1958 (which provides for duties to be performed on sight testing). It also imposes a new requirement on a contractor who tests the sight of a patient suffering from diabetes or glaucoma to inform the patient's doctor of the results of the test.

1989 No. 270

LAND REGISTRATION

**Land Registration (Amendment) Rules
(Northern Ireland) 1989**

Made 11th July 1989

Coming into operation 1st September 1989

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 48(2), 79(2), 81(2) and 85(3) of the Land Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a), Article 6(5) of the Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(b) and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(c) and now vested in it(d) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the advice and assistance of the Land Registry Rules Committee(e) hereby makes the following Rules—

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Land Registration (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1989.

Interpretation

2. In these Rules, “the principal Rules” means the Land Registration Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977(f).

Interpretation of the principal Rules

3. In Rule 2 of the principal Rules, at the appropriate places, there shall be inserted the following entries—

- ‘ “the 1984 Order” means the Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984;’
- ‘ “certified copy”, in relation to a decree or order of any court, means a copy certified as a true copy by the proper officer of the court which granted or made the decree or order;’
- ‘ “dwelling house”, “matrimonial charge” and “rights of occupation” have the same respective meanings as in Part II of the 1984 Order;’
- ‘ “statutory provision” has the meaning given in section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(g).’

(a) 1970 c. 18 (N.I.), to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these Rules
 (b) S.I. 1984/1984 (N.I. 14)
 (c) 1974 c. 28
 (d) By the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) Sch. 5, para. 7(1) and S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 5 and Sch. 1 Part II
 (e) Established by 1970 c. 18 (N.I.) section 85(1)
 (f) S.R. 1977 No. 154
 (g) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)