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Statement Specifying the
Fees and Charges
for the Testing of Sight and
the Supply or Repair
of Glasses

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STATEMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES

Summary. This memorandum covers a copy of the revised version of the Statement of Fees and Charges for the Testing of Sight and the Supply or Repair of Glasses.

1. As promised in paragraph 1 of H.M. (57) 44, a copy of the revised version of the Statement of Fees and Charges is enclosed.
2. This Statement supersedes all previous Statements, the last of which (revised as from the 1st December, 1955) was referred to in H.M. (55) 109 and amended by H.M. (56) 56, (56) 87, (56) 108, and (57) 44.
3. Further copies of the current Statement can be purchased from Her Majesty's Stationery Office or through any bookseller, price 8d.

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*To: Regional Hospital Boards,
Hospital Management Committees,
Boards of Governors.*

PART I: SIGHT TESTS

Fees payable by an Executive Council for the Testing of Sight

	£	s.	d.
1. By an ophthalmic medical practitioner	1	0	0
2. By an ophthalmic surgeon who tests the sight of pupils, in accordance with Part VI of the Regulations, in sessions arranged by or in agreement with the Local Education Authority	12	6	
3. By an ophthalmic optician:—			
(a) who does not dispense glasses at all	15	6	
(b) who does not consider it necessary to prescribe glasses following a sight test	15	6	
(c) in all other circumstances	14	0	

Provided that the remuneration paid by a Service Department to an ophthalmic medical practitioner or ophthalmic optician who, in discharging his Service duties, tests the sight of dependants of Service personnel shall be deemed to include the fee for such sight tests, and no additional fees shall be paid by the Executive Council in such cases.

PART II: AMOUNTS PAYABLE FOR THE PROVISION OF GLASSES

Section A. General Statement of Payments

The *Executive Council* will pay to the optician supplying glasses to a new prescription:—

- (i) The appropriate Dispensing Fee in Part II, Section B.
- (ii) Where a case is necessary, the sum shown in Part III, Section C.
- (iii) The amount shown in Part IV as payable for lenses.

From this total, ten shillings will be deducted for each lens supplied, *except* where a children's standard frame is used, in accordance with Part III, Section A. In that case, the Executive Council will also pay the cost of the frame as there set out.

The *person supplied* will pay to the optician:—

- (i) Ten shillings for each lens supplied, except where a children's standard frame is used.
- (ii) Except where a children's standard frame is used, the cost stated in Part III, Section B, of a frame selected from the list of National Health Service frames there specified.
- (iii) If special lenses of a type specified in Part IV, Section B, are supplied at his request, the appropriate charges there described as payable by the applicant.

The amounts payable for the *repair and replacement* of glasses by the Executive Council and the applicant are set out in Part V.

Section B. Dispensing Fees

	£	s.	d.
For an ophthalmic or a dispensing optician	1	4	0
(payable also if the applicant himself supplies the frames for			

Provided that:—

- | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|----|
| (a) where bifocals are prescribed, the dispensing fee shall be (conditions as above) | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| (b) where, following a change of prescription, one lens only is supplied to the person's own glasses, the dispensing fee shall be | 12 | 6 | |
| (c) where two or more pairs of glasses of different powers are prescribed following the sight test, the dispensing fee for each additional pair of any type shall be | 10 | 0 | |

PART III: FRAMES AND CASES

Section A. Children's Standard Frames

To be supplied by ophthalmic or dispensing opticians without charge to the person supplied.

These frames are available only to children who have not yet attained 16 years of age, and to older boys and girls who are in full-time attendance at a school as defined in the Education Act, 1944. Frames C111 and C117 are for very young children.

Frame Number	Description	Sum payable to Optician by Executive Council
		s. d.
	Plain Nickel	
C.111	Nickel, cyl. W. bridge, comfort cable curl sides	4 11
C.117	Nickel, cyl. W. bridge, short loop end sides	6 0
	Nickel Windsor	
C.211	Nickel Windsor, cyl. W. bridge, special nickel curl sides for children.	6 3
C.213	Nickel Windsor, cyl. W. bridge, half covered curl sides	6 3
C.221	Nickel Windsor, pad bridge, special nickel curl sides for children.	7 9
C.223	Nickel Windsor, pad bridge, half covered curl sides ...	7 9

NOTE:—The sums above include an allowance of 5 per cent. to cover the cost of breakages, etc.

Section B. Frames other than Children's Standard Frames

Frame Number	Description	Optician's charge to person supplied
		s. d.
	Plain Nickel	
111	Nickel, cyl. W. bridge, comfort cable curl sides	4 11
121	Nickel, pad bridge, comfort cable curl sides	5 9
136	Nickel reversible, swivel bridge, revolving comfort cable curl sides.	16 2
146	Nickel reversible, pad bridge, revolving comfort cable curl sides	8 0
	Nickel Windsor	
211	Nickel Windsor, cyl. W. bridge, comfort cable curl sides ...	5 4

Frame Number	Description	Optician's charge to person supplied
		s. d.
	Plain Gold Filled	
311*	Gold-filled, cyl. W. bridge, comfort cable curl sides	8 4
321*	Gold-filled, pad bridge, comfort cable curl sides	10 0
321 H.J.*	Gold-filled, pad bridge, high joint, comfort cable curl sides ...	10 7
336*	Gold-filled, reversible, swivel bridge, revolving comfort cable curl sides.	20 2
346*	Gold-filled, reversible, pad bridge, revolving comfort cable curl sides.	13 9
721	Gold-filled, half-eye, flat section eyewire, pad bridge, comfort cable curl sides.	11 7
722	Gold-filled, half-eye, flat section eyewire, pad bridge, zylo-tipped hockey-end sides.	12 8
	Gold-filled Windsor	
411*	Gold-filled Windsor, cyl. W. bridge, comfort cable curl sides ...	8 7
412	Gold-filled Windsor, cyl. W. bridge, zylo tipped hockey-end sides	9 8
413*	Gold-filled Windsor, cyl. W. bridge, half-covered curl sides ...	10 5
421*	Gold-filled Windsor, pad bridge, comfort cable curl sides ...	10 3
421 H.J.*	Gold-filled Windsor, pad bridge, high joint, comfort cable curl sides.	10 10
422	Gold-filled Windsor, pad bridge, zylo tipped hockey-end sides...	11 3
422 H.J.	Gold-filled Windsor, pad bridge, high joint, zylo tipped hockey-end sides.	11 10
423*	Gold-filled Windsor, pad bridge, half-covered curl sides ...	12 2
423 H.J.*	Gold-filled Windsor, pad bridge, high joint, half-covered curl sides	12 9
	Plastic (Cellulose acetate)	
514	Cellulose acetate, regular bridge, with reinforced hockey-end sides.	9 0
515	Cellulose acetate, regular bridge, with gold-filled super-comfort curl sides, and reinforced cellulose acetate butts.	16 5
524	Cellulose acetate, pad bridge, with reinforced hockey-end sides	10 9
524 H.J.	Cellulose acetate, pad bridge, high joint, with reinforced hockey-end sides.	10 9
525	Cellulose acetate, pad bridge, with gold-filled super-comfort curl sides, and reinforced cellulose acetate butts.	18 6
546	Cellulose acetate, reversible pad bridge, gold-filled super-comfort curl sides with cellulose acetate butts.	23 3
614	Cellulose acetate, saddle, flush or inset bridge, with reinforced hockey-end sides.	13 0
615	Cellulose acetate, saddle, flush or inset bridge, with gold-filled super-comfort curl sides and reinforced cellulose acetate butts.	18 6
C.521*	Cellulose acetate, strong pad bridge, with special nickel curl sides for children.	12 2
C.525*	Cellulose acetate, strong pad bridge, with nickel super-comfort curl sides and reinforced cellulose acetate butts.	12 2
814	Cellulose acetate, half-eye, regular bridge, with reinforced hockey-end sides.	16 6
815	Cellulose acetate, half-eye, regular bridge, with gold-filled super-comfort curl sides with cellulose acetate butts.	24 0
824	Cellulose acetate, half-eye, pad bridge, with reinforced hockey-end sides.	16 6
825	Cellulose acetate, half-eye, pad bridge, with gold-filled super-comfort curl sides, with cellulose acetate butts.	24 0

* These frames are suitable for children, C.521 and C.525 being specially designed for children of 12 to 15 inclusive

Section C. Spectacle Cases

Spectacle cases are to be supplied at the cost of public funds only when the optician is satisfied that the person to be supplied with glasses has no other suitable and usable case.

	Sum payable to Optician by Executive Council
	s. d.
Spectacle case (metal bodied type)...	1 2
Allowance for purchase tax paid on spectacle case	8½

PART IV: LENSES

Section A. Standard Lenses supplied on grounds of necessity

As stated in Part II, the charge of 10s. 0d. per lens is payable by the patient and subtracted from the amount payable to the optician, except where lenses are fitted in children's standard frames.

Curved lenses are to be supplied, except that flat lenses may be supplied when they are desirable in the interests of the applicant, the payments being the same as for curved lenses. The payments below are for single lenses, and include an allowance of 5 per cent. to cover the cost of breakages, etc.

In conformity with established trade practice, all curved lenses are to be priced according to the plus cylinder transposition, except lenses having positive spherical power exceeding +8.00 dioptres. These lenses, and flat lenses, are to be priced according to the transposition indicating the form in which they are actually made.

TABLE IV A (1) SUM PAYABLE TO OPTICIAN BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Spherical Power (Plus or Minus)	Spherical	Cylindrical or Sphero-Cylindrical		
		Cylindrical Power (Plus or Minus)		
		0.25 to 2.0	2.25 to 4.0	4.25 or over
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Plano to 2.0...	5 1	6 0	7 1	8 4
2.25 to 4.0...	5 5	6 8	7 9	9 2
4.25 to 6.0...	6 0	8 0	9 0	10 7
6.25 to 8.0...	7 11	9 11	10 10	11 11
8.25 to 10.0	9 4	11 2	12 6	13 9
10.25 to 14.0	11 7	12 1	13 6	15 2
14.25 and over	12 6	13 0	14 2	16 1

TABLE IV A (2) ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO OPTICIANS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF LENS

	Sum payable to Optician by Executive Council in addition to payments for lenses in Table A (1) overleaf
Half-eye Lenses (per lens)	s. d. 1 10
<i>Prisms</i> (when prescribed):	
Up to 4 prism dioptres (per lens)	2 9
Over 4 prism dioptres (per lens)	4 1
<i>Tinted Lenses</i> : Crookes Tints A to B2 and "Alpha" (when prescribed) (per lens)	4 10
<i>Lenticulars</i> :	
Round centre, concave: per surface	3 9
Oval centre, concave: per surface	7 2
Cemented, convex: (add to plano or plano-cylindrical base lens)	14 6

TABLE IV A (3) BIFOCAL LENSES

	Sum payable to Optician by Executive Council	
	s. d.	
<i>Bifocals per lens to any prescription</i> :— (To be supplied only when necessary in the view of the prescriber).		
(a) Fused Bifocals (Round Segments):		
Spherical.	16 3*	
Cyl. or Sphero-cyl.	19 6*	
Maximum seg. 23 mm. in diameter.		
	38 & 45 seg.	22 seg.
	s. d.	s. d.
(b) Invisible Solid Bifocals:		
Spherical.	19 6*	22 6*
Cyl. or Sphero-cyl.	23 4*	26 5*
(c) Crookes Tints A to B2 and "Alpha" (when prescribed) addition to above Bifocal payments ...	s. d. 7 1	

* NOTE.—These are the total payments for bifocal lenses; they are not additional payments to the payments for single-vision lenses.

TABLE IV A (4) FROSTED AND CHAVASSE LENSES

	Sum payable to Optician by Executive Council
	s. d.
(a) Frosted Lenses (per lens)	6 0
(b) Chavasse Lenses (per lens)	6 0

Section B. Special Lenses supplied at applicant's request

The payments below are for single lenses and include an allowance of 5 per cent. to cover the cost of breakages, etc., and those payable by the applicant are in addition to the normal charge of 10s. 0d. a lens.

TABLE IV B (1) LAMINATED OR TOUGHENED SAFETY LENSES

	Sum payable to Optician by Executive Council	Optician's charge to person supplied
For lenses in Part IV, Section A, Table (1).	The appropriate sum shown under above heading in Table (1).	13s. 5d.

NOTE.—Toughened lenses are not available in flat form or for any concave prescriptions in which the power of the stronger principal meridian exceeds -6.00 dioptres.

No payment is made by the Executive Council for relaminating safety lenses of laminated type. No charge may be made under the National Health Service if this work is necessary within six months of supply. If it is performed more than six months from supply, the optician may charge the applicant 4s. 4d. per lens.

TABLE IV B (2) PLASTIC LENSES

	Sum Payable to Optician by Executive Council	Optician's Charge to person supplied
	s. d.	s. d.
<i>Bifocals</i> :		
Spherical: 0 to + 10.00D or - 8.50D ...	9 3	9 3
Cyl. or Sph.-Cyl.: (Sph. to + 6.00D or - 8.50D):		
Cyl. to + 2.00D	12 5	12 5
Cyl. + 2.25D to + 6.00D	13 9	13 9
<i>Lenticulars</i> :		
Spherical: Convex + 6.00D to + 20.00D ...	9 4	9 4
Concave - 6.00D to - 13.00D	9 1	9 1
Concave - 13.50D to - 21.00D	12 5	12 5
Sph.-Cyl.:		
Convex + 6.00D to + 20.00D (Cyl. in - 0.50D steps to - 6.00D).	10 8	10 8
Concave - 6.00D to - 13.00D	11 5	11 5
Concave - 13.50D to - 21.00D (Cyl. in + 0.25D steps to + 6.00D).	14 8	14 8
Prism Powers (within manufacturers' range) ... Additional to sums specified above.	4 4	4 4

PART V: REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

Section A. Amounts payable for Replacements and Repairs of Children's Standard Glasses

(1) FRAMES

(a) Where the applicant has not been careless, the appropriate sum in Table VA below will be paid to the optician by the Executive Council.

(b) Where the applicant has been careless, the appropriate sum will be paid by the applicant. If the applicant is a child covered by the provisions of Part VI of the N.H.S. (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1956, i.e., is using the School Eye Service, the sum will be paid by the Executive Council and recovered from the Local Education Authority.

TABLE VA REPLACEMENT OF FRAMES, ETC., OF CHILDREN'S STANDARD GLASSES

Frame Number	Sum payable to or recoverable by optician			
	New Frame	New Front	New Side (each)	Solder Repair to front
C.111	s. d. 6 4	s. d. 3 11	s. d. 2 1	s. d. 2 11
C.117	6 9	3 11	2 5	2 11
C.211	10 2	4 9	2 4	2 11
C.213	10 2	4 9	2 4	2 11
C.221	12 5	7 4	2 4	2 11
C.223	12 5	7 4	2 4	2 11

(2) LENSES

(a) Where the applicant has not been careless:—

For lenses fitted to existing glasses the optician will receive from the Executive Council the appropriate sum in Part IV, Section A, together with a service fee of 7s. 6d. per pair (3s. 9d. for one lens only). When special lenses are supplied at the applicant's request the amounts payable to the optician (in addition to the service fee) by the Executive Council and applicant respectively are shown in Part IV Section B.

(b) Where the applicant has been careless:—

For lenses fitted to existing glasses the optician will be paid by the applicant the appropriate sums in Part IV, Section A or, where special lenses have been chosen, the total of the relevant charges in Part IV, Section B, together with the service fee of 3s. 9d. a lens mentioned in paragraph (2) (a) above. Where the applicant is using the School Eye Service, the sum to be paid by the applicant and the Executive Council to the optician will be as is shown in paragraph (2) (a) above. The Executive Council will recover their charge from the Local Education Authority.

(3) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLETE PAIR OF GLASSES, the

of the applicant's payment will depend on whether he has been careless or not. The charge of 10s. 0d. a lens will not apply.

(a) Where the applicant has not been careless, the charges will be borne by the Executive Council, unless special lenses have been chosen in which case the optician's charge to the person supplied will be (as in paragraph (2) above) that shown in Part IV, Section B.

These charges also apply to a person who is using the School Eye Service, and has been careless. In such a case, the Executive Council will recover their payments to the optician from the Local Education Authority.

(b) Where the applicant has been careless, and is not using the School Eye Service, he will be liable for the whole cost of replacement.

Section B. Amounts payable for Replacements and Repairs of glasses other than Children's Standard Glasses

(1) FRAMES

(a) Where the applicant has not been careless the appropriate sum in column A of Table VB below will be payable by the Executive Council to the optician and his charge to the applicant will be the sum in column B.

(b) Where the applicant has been careless, the optician will recover from him the total of the appropriate amounts in columns A and B of Table VB.

In the case of an applicant using the School Eye Service who has been careless the appropriate sum in column B will be payable to the optician by the applicant and the Executive Council will pay the optician the relevant sum in column A and recover from the Local Education Authority.

(2) LENSES

As in paragraph (2) of Part V, Section A, above, subparagraph (a) applying where the applicant has not been careless and subparagraph (b) applying where he has.

(3) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLETE PAIR OF GLASSES, the fees and charges are the dispensing fee set out in Part II together with the appropriate sums for frames and lenses set out in Parts III and IV respectively. The amount of the applicant's payment will depend upon whether he has been careless or not. The charge of 10s. 0d. a lens will not apply.

(a) Where the applicant has not been careless, he will be liable only for the appropriate charge set out in Part III, Section B, and if applicable Part IV, Section B. These charges also apply in the case of a school child using the School Eye Service, whether careless or not. The remainder of the cost of replacement will be paid by the Local Education Authority where a pupil was careless, and by the Executive Council in all other cases.

(b) Where the applicant has been careless, he will be liable for the whole cost of the replacement.

TABLE VB REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF FRAMES, ETC.,
OTHER THAN CHILDREN'S STANDARD GLASSES

Frame No.	New Frame		New Front		New Side (each)		Solder Repair to front	
	Sum Payable to Optician by Executive Council	Optician's Charge to Person Supplied	Sum Payable to Optician by Executive Council	Optician's Charge to Person Supplied	Sum Payable to Optician by Executive Council	Optician's Charge to Person Supplied	Sum Payable to Optician by Executive Council	Optician's Charge to Person Supplied
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Plain Nickel								
*111	1 5	4 11	1 1	2 10	1 0	1 1	2 2	0 9
121	3 0	5 9	2 1	4 2	1 0	1 1	2 2	0 9
136	4 10	16 2	8 1	7 8	5 11	0 6	2 2	0 9
146	4 4	8 0	3 8	6 3	2 8	3 9	2 2	0 9
Nickel Windsor								
211	4 8	5 4	2 1	2 8	1 0	1 1	2 2	0 9
221	5 11	6 3	3 1	3 11	1 0	1 1	2 2	0 9
Plain Gold Filled								
311	3 11	8 4	6 5	2 2	1 11	1 10	2 2	0 9
321	6 11	10 0	6 3	6 10	1 11	1 10	2 2	0 9
321H.J. ...	6 11	10 7	6 3	7 5	1 11	1 10	2 2	0 9
336	7 5	20 2	8 0	11 8	6 3	2 9	1 8	1 3
346	7 1	13 9	9 0	6 11	6 4	2 8	1 8	1 3
721	8 1	11 7	6 9	7 8	1 11	1 10	1 8	1 3
722	8 1	12 8	6 9	7 8	1 10	4 2	1 8	1 3
Gold Filled Windsor								
411	7 0	8 7	6 7	2 10	1 11	1 10	2 2	0 9
412	10 8	9 8	6 4	3 1	1 10	4 2	1 8	1 3
413	11 2	10 5	6 4	3 1	1 10	4 8	1 8	1 3
421	9 11	10 3	6 2	7 6	1 11	1 10	2 2	0 9
421H.J. ...	10 1	10 10	6 4	7 11	1 11	1 10	2 2	0 9
422	11 4	14 11	6 6	7 11	1 10	4 2	1 8	1 3
422H.J. ...	11 6	15 3	6 7	8 5	1 10	4 2	1 8	1 3
423	11 7	14 3	6 6	7 11	1 10	4 8	1 8	1 3
423H.J. ...	11 7	14 8	6 7	8 5	1 10	4 8	1 8	1 3
Cellulose Acetate								
514	10 4	12 5	6 1	10 10	1 4	5 11	—	—
515	9 3	16 5	6 1	10 10	1 10	7 6	—	—
524	9 10	17 11	6 4	15 10	1 4	5 11	—	—
524H.J. ...	9 10	17 11	6 4	15 10	1 4	5 11	—	—
525	10 8	20 3	6 4	15 10	1 10	7 6	—	—
546	7 5	23 3	8 11	9 6	5 7	4 1	—	—
614	10 5	13 0	6 2	11 7	1 4	5 11	—	—
615	7 7	18 6	6 2	11 7	1 10	7 6	—	—
C.521	10 3	12 11	6 1	11 8	1 6	4 7	—	—
C.525	10 3	12 11	6 1	11 8	1 6	4 7	—	—
814	9 3	16 6	8 3	9 8	1 4	5 11	—	—
815	9 3	24 0	8 3	9 8	1 10	7 6	—	—
824	9 3	16 6	8 3	9 8	1 4	5 11	—	—
825	9 3	24 0	8 3	9 8	1 10	7 6	—	—

* This frame, and standard lenses, are standard glasses. Where there has been no lack of

PART VI: STANDARDS OF QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP

(1) LENSES

(a) Glass lenses shall be made from commercial white ophthalmic crown or Crookes' glass according to prescription.

(b) All lenses shall conform to the following clauses of British Standard No. 2738: 1956 'Spectacle Lenses':—

- No. 2. Definitions
- No. 3. Materials
- No. 4. Surface Defects
- No. 5. Tinted Lenses
- No. 6. Conformity with Prescription
- No. 7. Measurement of Lens Power
- No. 8. Lens Powers
- No. 9. Cylinder Axes
- No. 10 (b). Optical Centration: Finished Lenses
- No. 11. Plano Prisms
- No. 12. Bifocals
- No. 13. Lens Pairs
- No. 14 (a). Glazing: Bevelled Lenses

(c) All toughened lenses shall have been subjected to a drop test for mechanical strength whereby a steel ball $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter and weighing approximately 44 grammes is dropped on to the front surface of the lens from a height of not less than 50 inches. In the carrying out of this test, the lens may be allowed to stand on a flat piece of rubber, not more than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick, having a hardness number of 80 to 120 as defined by British Standard 903: 1950.

(d) Shapes of lenses supplied under the National Health Service for use with private frames shall be round, P.R.O. or contour, or half-eye for half-eye glasses.

(2) METAL FRAMES

(a) All metal frames shall be of approved pattern and manufacture. Gold-filled frames (and gold-filled parts of frames) shall be manufactured of gold-filled material of not less than 20/1000 starting quality ($=\frac{1}{10}$ th 10ct. approximately), excluding cores, pins, screws and other subsidiary parts or materials.

(b) No metal frame shall be supplied which, though meeting the standard of quality required, has been damaged by subsequent manipulation, pliering, adjusting or any other means, to an extent which would impair its wearing or appearance qualities or otherwise detract from its efficiency or satisfaction in use.

(3) PLASTIC FRAMES

(a) All plastic frames shall be of approved pattern and manufacture and made from cellulose acetate or similar optical sheet.

(b) The material shall be of a thickness such as to produce a frame of sufficient strength and rigidity to withstand all normal usage, and shall be free from faults, blemishes, cracks or undue strains either inherent in the

suitable base metal and may be inserted by laminating, shooting or drilling. Nickel joints of standard types shall be used and may be of screw or pin type, and metal-to-metal or mitre fitting. The thickness and weight of the complete finished frame (and its component parts) shall be to the best commercial standards.

(c) Eyeshapes shall be round, P.R.O. or contour, or half-eye for half-eye glasses, and shall be of regular and matched appearance and size. Pad bridges may be of key-hole or non-keyhole type. All colours shall be introduced in the course of manufacture of the material in sheet form, and frames which have been dyed after sheet manufacture are excluded.

(d) The assembly and general finish of the frame shall be that generally accepted as high quality finish.

(e) No plastic frame shall be supplied which, though meeting the standard of quality required, has been damaged by subsequent glazing, manipulating, adjusting or any other means to an extent which would impair its wearing or appearance qualities or otherwise detract from its efficiency or satisfaction in use.

(4) REPAIRS

The Standards of quality and workmanship for repairs shall be not less than those which are required for new frames and lenses.

(5) NOTE

(a) All plastic frames shall bear the Certification Trade Mark of the Minister of Health, together with such other marks as may be prescribed by Regulations, as evidence that the frames comply with the standards laid down above and are of the types approved for the Service. Such marks shall only be used by manufacturers who have obtained authority to use them after acceptance of patterns of the approved types manufactured to the required standard, and, if necessary, after inspection of the process of manufacture and the methods of production control.

The marks shall be not less than 0.75 millimetres and not more than 1.5 millimetres in height, and shall be placed on the inside of the front and of one side member of the frame.

(b) Metal frames may be of the types previously approved by the Ophthalmic Benefit Approved Committee, provided that they are included in the current schedule of frames to be supplied under the Service, comply with the standards of quality and workmanship laid down above, and bear any of the stamps or markings which have been agreed.