

# GOS 2 Patient's optical prescription or statement

If you need new glasses or contact lenses, show this prescription to the optician when you order them. A prescription may be valid for up to two years, so keep this form safe.

**Please complete this form using black ink and in block capitals**

## Part 1 Patient's details

\* delete as appropriate

Mr/Mrs/ Surname:				Previous surname:			
Miss/Ms*:				(If changed within the past 12 months)			
First names:				Date of birth:	/	/	
Address:							
	Postcode:						
# if known	Date of this prescription:	/	/	NHS no#:		N.I.no#:	

## Part 2 Prescription or statement

Tick the box to show what action was taken

I tested the sight of the above patient today in accordance with the regulations and:

- The patient was referred to their GP or Ophthalmic hospital
- No prescription was required
- An unchanged prescription was issued
- A new or changed prescription was issued
- A voucher was issued:

First voucher type:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Complex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tint
Second voucher type:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Complex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tint

R I G H T	Sph	Cyl	Axis	Prism	Base		Sph	Cyl	Axis	Prism	Base	L E F T		
							Distance							
							Near							

Comments:

Performer's signature:	Performer's name and address: <i>(in capitals/stamp)</i>
Date: / /	
Performers list number:	

Name or code of Primary Care Trust receiving GOS 1 or GOS 6 for this sight test:

## Part 3 Patient's information

The doctor or optometrist who tested your sight will tell you if this is a new or changed prescription, and if you need glasses. If so, you can have this prescription dispensed by an optician of your choice, but not all opticians can supply contact lenses. Unregistered suppliers may not sell glasses to anyone under 16 or anyone registered blind or partially sighted. Unregistered suppliers may not sell contact lenses.

### About the NHS optical voucher

If you are told you need new glasses and are in one of the groups below when you order your glasses or contact lenses, ask for an optical voucher form and give it to the optician.

You are only entitled to a voucher if your prescription has changed or your glasses need replacing on the grounds of fair wear and tear.

If you were not entitled to a voucher when you had your sight test, but think you may be entitled to one now, you can ask for one from the optician who is to supply your glasses. If they do not have vouchers, you can go back to the person who tested your sight and ask for a voucher before you order your glasses or contact lenses.

### Your entitlement to help

You may be entitled to the full value of a voucher **if, at the time you order** your glasses or contact lenses:

- you are under 16
- you are aged 16, 17 or 18 in full-time education
- you or your partner (if you have one) are getting:
  - Income Support, or
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, or
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or
  - Pension Credit guarantee credit
- you or your partner are entitled to, or named on, a valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate
- you are named on a valid HC2 certificate for full help
- you are a prisoner on leave from prison

If you are not in one of the groups above, but you were prescribed complex lenses, you may also be entitled to some help.

If you were given a voucher when you had your sight test but your circumstances change before you order your glasses/contact lenses, you cannot use your voucher unless you are still in one of the above groups when you order your glasses/contact lenses.

You may also be entitled to some help if you are named on a valid HC3 certificate.

The following benefits on their own DO NOT automatically entitle you to help with the cost of an NHS sight test or glasses or contact lenses:

- Incapacity Benefit
- Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- Pension Credit savings credit

You may be entitled to help via the NHS low income scheme. You will need to complete form HC1, available by calling 0845 610 1112. If you qualify you will be sent a HC2 or HC3 certificate.

### The value of your NHS optical voucher

The value of your voucher depends on your prescription and will match a letter from A to H, plus supplements (if any). Your optician has marked the letter and supplements on this form and the voucher form and can tell you the current values. Voucher values and supplements are also listed in leaflet HC12 "NHS charges and optical voucher values". This is available on the following website [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk) or from NHS Forms c/o 3M SP5L, Gorse Street, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 9QH. or by calling 0845 610 1112.

### War Pensioners

If you are a war pensioner and need glasses because of your pensionable disability, send your prescription and receipt to: Veterans Agency, Norcross, Blackpool FY8 3WP. Tell them your war pension reference number.

You will be able to claim back the same amount as if you were entitled to an NHS optical voucher. The value of a voucher varies according to your glasses prescription. Your optician will be able to advise you how much this will be when you are choosing your glasses.