



**Ophthalmic
Schedule
Communications**



**June
2021**

Welcome to the schedule
communications, where you will find useful
information and helpful tips!

Financial Support – Practice Premises & Mobile Practices

With effect from **1 June 2021**, practice premises and mobile practices will move to a single model of financial support.

With effect from the **June 2021 paid July 2021** payment schedule, the minimum GOS(S)1 activity level required to be met in order to qualify for a ‘top-up’ payment will increase to **60%**.

With effect from the **July 2021 paid August 2021** payment schedule, the minimum GOS(S)1 activity level required to be met in order to qualify for a ‘top-up’ payment will increase to **70%**.

With effect from the **August 2021 paid September 2021** payment schedule, the minimum GOS(S)1 activity level required to be met in order to qualify for a ‘top-up’ payment will increase to **80%**.

With effect from **1 September 2021**, financial support for practice premises and mobile practices will cease, and payments will revert to an actual activity-only basis.

The Scottish Government recognises that the requirement to adhere to strict IPC procedures, to allow sufficient time to decontaminate equipment and surfaces between patients, and for the safe use and disposal of PPE, there may be instances where a practice premises is unable to increase its eye examination levels above the number currently achieved.

Where a practice premises can successfully demonstrate these circumstances, they will be considered exempt from achievement of the minimum GOS(S)1 activity level, and will receive ‘top-up’ payments.

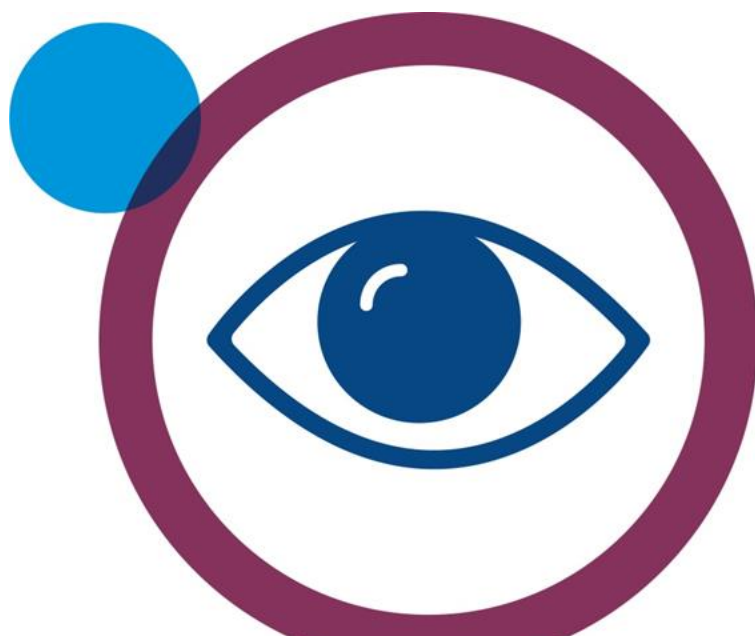
In order to be considered for exemption, a practice premises must complete the Exemption from Minimum GOS(S)1 Activity Level Practice Premises Declaration Form, detailed in Appendix B of [PCA\(O\)2021\(07\)](#), and submit it to its local NHS Board for consideration.

Unpaid Claims

On 1 June 2021, we sent a letter advising one or more of the claims that had not been paid between 12 and 15 March had failed. Our suppliers have been able to provide us with further information since then and have advised that the problem was a one-off error and that the appropriate checks and alerts are now in place to ensure that it does not occur again.

If you require a list of the patient names and date of births for these claims to allow you to resubmit them, please send an email from your nhs.scot email account with your payment location code and we will forward you a list of them. If you do not have access to a secure NHS email account, please call us on 0131 275 6200, and we will advise you of the patient details.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Claim cut-offs

June paid July

Electronic

Sunday 11 July 2021

Post (HES forms only)

4.30pm Wed 30 Jun '21

July paid August

TBC

4pm Fri 30 July '21

[nhsnss.org](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/healthcare-claims)

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