



Ophthalmic Schedule Communications

October
2021

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

Continuing Education and Training (CET) allowance claims.

As detailed in [PCA\(O\)2021\(9\)](#) the **deadline** for submitting your online [CET claim form](#), midnight 31 October 2021, is fast approaching.

Please note if you have submitted your claim form but have not received your payment yet, there is no need to resubmit. **You will only have to resubmit if there is an issue with your claim when we come to assess it and we will be in touch if this is the case.**

Provided you have submitted your initial claim prior to this deadline date, your CET claim will be honoured and paid in due course.

Here is a reminder of the eligibility criteria:

- A separate claim must be made for each eligible person, and must be received by P&CFS by midnight Sunday 31 October 2021;
- Only one claim may be paid in respect of any one person for appropriate CET or independent prescriber CET undertaken by that person during the 2020 claim period;
- Practitioners on Part 2 of an NHS Board's Ophthalmic List are reminded that they should submit their own claim, and the allowance will be paid directly to them to the bank account details that they provide;
- Optometrists and OMPs are not required to produce evidence of undertaking CET as a compulsory part of the claim or pre-condition of payment. However, a claim may only be paid in respect of an optometrist or OMP who has maintained their professional registration and P&CFS may undertake a sampling exercise to verify and validate to confirm registration pre or post-payment.

Recruitment – 2 x part time Optometric Advisers

We are currently recruiting 2 x part time Optometric Advisers. These new posts will support the development of the new ophthalmic community services over the next 2-3 years, and will provide professional and clinical support to NSS in relation to the delivery of high quality eye care, and specifically the Low Vision Service (LVS), the Community Glaucoma service (CGS), and the Specialist Supplementary service. The appointments would be suitable for applicants who have significant experience of providing eye care, experience of caring for patients as an Independent Prescriber (IP) and have detailed knowledge of the GOS and optical voucher regulations applicable to Scotland. Applicants will currently be registered with the GOC or GMC and hold relevant certification relating to low vision or related experience.

Please visit our [website](#) where you will find more information and application details for this exciting opportunity. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 26 October 2021**.

eOphthalmic System Downtime

Due to essential maintenance on Sunday 24 October between 11.00 and 19.00 there may be intermittent loss of the eOphthalmic system. Any downtime should only last for approximately 30 seconds.

Practitioner Services Ophthalmic Website

Remember to check our new, accessible [Practitioner Services Ophthalmic Website](#) for all information, forms and guidance.

Claim cut-off dates - October paid November Schedule

Electronic: Wednesday 10 November 2021 5pm

Post (HES forms only): Friday 29 October 2021 5pm

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