

# **October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015 Optical Services Fee Schedule**

## **Extended to July 1, 2017**



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**Alberta Human Services  
Supports for Independence, AISH,  
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## SCHEDULE B

### FEE SCHEDULE FOR OPTICAL APPLIANCES AND SERVICES

#### **BASIC SERVICE:**

The Minister will pay for the following Basic Services at the following prices:

#### **Period 1: October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014**

<b>BASIC SERVICE</b>	<b>Benefit Code</b>	<b>Single Vision</b>	<b>Bifocal Vision</b>	<b>Trifocal Vision</b>
Frame with Case:	1000	\$72.31	\$72.31	\$72.31
Lens:				
\$34.89 * 2	1010	\$69.79		
\$59.75 * 2	1010		\$119.51	
\$80.94 * 2	1010			\$161.88
<b>Complete spectacle cost</b>		<b>\$142.10</b>	<b>\$191.82</b>	<b>\$234.19</b>
Glass Hardening Add:	1029	\$11.46	\$11.46	\$11.46
Scratch Resistant Coating on plastic lenses (per surface):	1030	\$4.02	\$4.02	\$4.02

#### **Period 2: October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015**

<b>BASIC SERVICE</b>	<b>Benefit Code</b>	<b>Single Vision</b>	<b>Bifocal Vision</b>	<b>Trifocal Vision</b>
Frame with Case:	1000	\$74.48	\$74.30	\$74.30
Lens:				
\$35.94 * 2	1010	\$71.88		
\$61.55 * 2	1010		\$123.10	
\$83.37 * 2	1010			\$166.74
<b>Complete spectacle cost</b>		<b>\$146.36</b>	<b>\$197.40</b>	<b>\$241.04</b>
Glass Hardening Add:	1029	\$11.80	\$11.80	\$11.80
Scratch Resistant Coating on plastic lenses (per surface):	1030	\$4.14	\$4.14	\$4.14

**Note 1:** Basic Services means spherical lens power up to and including + or – 8.00 dioptres and cylinder lens powers up to and including 3.00 dioptres. Bifocal/Trifocal Basic Lens Service includes a flat top 25mm or round segment.

**Note 2:** An eyeglass case will be supplied with complete spectacles. Frames will be covered with a one year manufacturer's warranty or longer against breakage due to reasonable wear and tear.

**Note 3:** Hardening is an additional charge of \$11.46 between October 01, 2013 and September 30, 2014 and \$11.80 between October 01, 2014 and September 30, 2015 per pair for all glass lenses, **although wherever possible, the College Member must use a plastic lens.** The charge is \$4.02 between October 01, 2013 and September 30, 2014 and \$4.14 between October 01, 2014 and September 30, 2015, per surface to provide a scratch resistant finish to CR39 lenses. These additional fees do not require special authorization.

**Note 4:** Progressive lenses may be claimed by the College Member in the case of trifocal lenses when progressive lenses are the least cost alternative.

#### **FRAME REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT PARTS:**

The Minister will fund the following repairs or replacements at the following prices:

**Period 1: October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014**

	<b>Benefit Code</b>	<b>To a Maximum cost of:</b>
Whole Frame	3000	\$72.31
Front	3010	\$52.19
Temple	3020	\$22.52
Top	3030	\$25.52
Hinge	3040	\$8.30 each
Lens: (Benefit code 3050 (left) or 3060 (right))		
single vision	1010	\$34.88 each
bifocal vision	1010	\$59.75 each
trifocal vision	1010	\$80.94 each
Soldering (Single)	3070	\$11.87
Drill out broken screw	3080	\$4.72 each

**Period 2: October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015**

	<b>Benefit Code</b>	<b>To a Maximum cost of:</b>
Whole Frame	3000	\$74.48
Front	3010	\$53.76
Temple	3020	\$23.20
Top	3030	\$23.20
Hinge	3040	\$8.55 each
Lens: (Benefit code 3050 (left) or 3060 (right))		
single vision	1010	\$35.92 each
bifocal vision	1010	\$61.54 each
trifocal vision	1010	\$83.37 each
Soldering (Single)	3070	\$12.23
Drill out broken screw	3080	\$4.86 each

**Note 1:** Frames must be supplied with a manufacturer's warranty of one year or longer. The total cost of frame repairs (material and fitting fee) cannot exceed the cost of a new frame - \$72.31 (October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014) and \$74.48 (October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015). Repairs and replacement parts not covered under manufacturer's warranty must be authorized by the Minister's Representative in advance.

## **TINTS AND COATING**

### **(Add on fee to basic services)**

The Minister will fund the following tinting and coating services, as an amount in addition to the fee for Basic Services.

**Period 1: October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014**

	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Single Vision</b>	<b>Bifocal</b>	<b>Trifocal</b>
	<b>Code</b>	<b>Plastic Glass</b>	<b>Plastic Glass</b>	<b>Plastic Glass</b>
Photogray	1300	\$8.44	\$14.28	\$20.73
Transition	1350	\$38.63	\$46.12	\$66.00

	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Single Vision</b>		<b>Bifocal</b>		<b>Trifocal</b>	
	<b>Code</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>
Polarized Grey & Brown	1400	\$42.22	\$42.60	\$46.06	\$64.23		
G-15	1410	\$6.57	\$11.22	\$6.57		\$6.57	
Grey 1,2,3	1420	\$6.57		\$6.57		\$6.57	
Pink 1,2	1430	\$7.02		\$7.02		\$7.02	
Yellow	1440	\$7.02		\$7.02		\$7.02	
Solid tint or coating	1500	\$6.55		\$6.55		\$6.55	
Bleach Tint	1532	\$6.33		\$6.33		\$6.33	
AR Multilayer	1700	\$25.71	\$20.83	\$25.71	\$20.83	\$25.71	\$20.83
Nikon Multilayer	1720	\$35.23		\$35.23		\$35.23	
Remove coating	1730	\$6.92		\$6.92		\$6.92	
UV Protection	1740	\$8.25		\$8.25		\$8.25	
Sphere between 8.00 and 12.00	1100	\$11.17	\$11.17	\$12.44	\$12.44	\$12.44	\$12.44
Spheres between 12.25 and 16.00	1160	\$17.44	\$17.44	\$18.66	\$18.66	\$18.66	\$18.66
Spheres over 16.00	1110	\$26.14	\$26.14	\$27.40	\$27.40	\$27.40	\$27.40
Cylinders between 3.12 and 6.00	1170	\$11.52	\$11.52	\$11.52	\$11.52	\$11.52	\$11.52
Cylinders above 6.00	1120	\$17.27	\$17.27	\$17.27	\$17.27	\$17.27	\$17.27
Prism in distance up to 3.00	1130	\$7.67	\$9.22	\$7.67	\$9.22	\$7.67	\$9.22
Prism in distance over 3.00 or cross prisms	1140	\$11.52	\$13.24	\$11.52	\$13.24	\$11.52	\$13.24
Special base curves	1150	\$12.32	\$12.47	\$15.26	\$16.41	\$17.57	\$18.71
Bicentric Grinding (slaboff)	5000			\$76.45	\$86.36		

**Period 2: October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015**

	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Single Vision</b>		<b>Bifocal</b>		<b>Trifocal</b>	
	<b>Code</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>
Photogray	1300		\$8.69		\$14.70		\$21.35
Transition	1350	\$39.79		\$47.50		\$67.98	
Polarized Grey & Brown	1400	\$43.49	\$43.88	\$47.44	\$66.16		
G-15	1410	\$6.77	\$11.56	\$6.77		\$6.77	
Grey 1,2,3	1420	\$6.77		\$6.77		\$6.77	
Pink 1,2	1430	\$7.23		\$7.23		\$7.23	
Yellow	1440	\$7.23		\$7.23		\$7.23	
Solid tint or coating	1500	\$6.75		\$6.75		\$6.75	

	Benefit	Single Vision		Bifocal		Trifocal	
	Code	Plastic	Glass	Plastic	Glass	Plastic	Glass
Bleach Tint	1532	\$6.52		\$6.52		\$6.52	
AR Multilayer	1700	\$26.48	\$21.46	\$26.48	\$21.46	\$26.48	\$21.46
Nikon Multilayer	1720	\$36.29		\$36.29		\$36.29	
Remove coating	1730	\$7.13		\$7.13		\$7.13	
UV Protection	1740	\$8.50		\$8.50		\$8.50	
Sphere between 8.00 and 12.00	1100	\$11.51	\$11.51	\$12.81	\$12.81	\$12.81	\$12.81
Spheres between 12.25 and 16.00	1160	\$17.96	\$17.96	\$19.22	\$19.22	\$19.22	\$19.22
Spheres over 16.00	1110	\$26.92	\$26.92	\$28.22	\$28.22	\$28.22	\$28.22
Cylinders between 3.12 and 6.00	1170	\$11.87	\$11.87	\$11.87	\$11.87	\$11.87	\$11.87
Cylinders above 6.00	1120	\$17.79	\$17.79	\$17.79	\$17.79	\$17.79	\$17.79
Prism in distance up to 3.00	1130	\$7.90	\$9.50	\$7.90	\$9.50	\$7.90	\$9.50
Prism in distance over 3.00 or cross prisms	1140	\$11.87	\$13.64	\$11.87	\$13.64	\$11.87	\$13.64
Special base curves	1150	\$12.69	\$12.84	\$15.72	\$16.90	\$18.10	\$19.27
Bicentric Grinding (slaboff)	5000			\$78.74	\$88.95		

**Note 1: Tinting:** Tinting will be paid for by the Minister when prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist due to the medical conditions specified below. Written clinical rationale must be provided on the billing form. In all cases, the tinting supplied shall be of the least expensive material and process capable of providing the intended effect.

### **MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

The following are the only medical conditions for which tinting may be prescribed for the purposes of this Contract:

1. Aphakia (pseudo aphakia);
2. Kerato-conjunctivitis (chronic);
3. Iritis;
4. Xerosis of the cornea (mild chronic);
5. Adverse effects of prescribed drugs;
6. Partial aniridia (surgical or congenital).

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

The supplementary items below must be prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist supported by clinical rationale, and approved by the Minister's Representative prior to approval for payment.

### **HI-INDEX PLASTIC AND GLASS**

**(Add on fee to basic service price)**

The Minister will fund the following high-index plastic and glass Services, as an amount in addition to the fee for Basic Services.

**Period 1: October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014**

	Benefit Code	Single Vision		Bifocal Flat Top		Trifocal Flat Top	
		Plastic	Glass	Plastic	Glass	Plastic	Glass
Polycarbonate 1.58	1200	\$9.95		\$19.92		\$38.57	
1.60 index material Rx 6.00 or greater	1210	\$32.36		\$49.56			
1.60 index aspheric Rx 6.00 or greater	1220	\$51.01					
1.67 index Rx Over 10.00D	1225	\$50.37					
1.70 index glass Rx Over 10.00D	1230		\$33.73		\$108.53		
1.80 index glass Rx Over 12.00D	1240		\$77.44				

**Period 2: October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015**

	Benefit Code	Single Vision		Bifocal Flat Top		Trifocal Flat Top	
		Plastic	Glass	Plastic	Glass	Plastic	Glass
Polycarbonate 1.58	1200	\$10.25		\$20.52		\$39.73	
1.60 index material Rx 6.00 or greater	1210	\$33.33		\$51.05			
1.60 index aspheric Rx 6.00 or greater	1220	\$52.54					
1.67 index Rx Over 10.00D	1225	\$51.88					
1.70 index glass Rx Over 10.00D	1230		\$37.74		\$111.79		
1.80 index glass Rx Over 12.00D	1240		\$79.76				

**Note 1 - High Index Lenses:** In all cases of fabrication of high index lenses, the glass or plastic lenses shall be of the least expensive material capable of providing the proper refraction. In addition to being prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist, the prescription must meet the minimum criteria in any meridian of + or - 6.00 dioptres. Written clinical rationale must be identified on the billing form by the College Member.

**Note 2 - Anti-Reflection Coating:** Anti-Reflection coating will be paid for by the Minister on high index lenses only if prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. In all cases, the anti-reflection coating shall be of the least expensive process capable of providing the intended effect. Written rationale must be identified on the billing form by the College Member.

**Note 3- Bicentric Grinding (Slaboff) Lens:** Bicentric grinding (Slaboff) lenses will be paid for when necessary as prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. The prescription must meet a minimum of + or - 2.00 dioptres difference between eyes. Clients who receive a bicentric grind lens will **not be** entitled to ophthalmic services for two pairs of eyeglasses (e.g. distance and near). Bicentric Grinding will be provided for bifocals or contact lenses.

**CONTACT LENSES**

- **Initial Contact Lenses:**

The Minister will pay for rigid gas permeable, soft, or piggyback contact lenses if prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist for the following medical conditions. Written clinical rationale must be provided on the billing form by the College Member.

- 1 Aphakia (post cataract surgery);
- 2 Corneal irregularities;
- 3 Astigmatism (which is inadequately corrected by eye eyeglasses);
- 4 Refractive errors in excess of plus or minus 7.00 dioptres in any meridian.

**Note:** Where back-up eyeglasses are provided for proper eye hygiene, fees will be billed to the Minister at the rates specified in this Contract for initial eyeglasses.

- **Replacement of Contact Lenses:** Contact lenses may be replaced for the conditions noted in items 1 through 4 directly above, according to the terms specified in this Contract when there is a written prescription from an ophthalmologist or optometrist, and the rationale for replacement is documented in the request for prior approval to the Minister's Representative under section 4.4 of this Contract.

**Note:** Disposable contact lenses may be claimed in place of non-disposables when they are the least cost alternative.

## SCHEDULE C

### PRESCRIPTION GUIDELINES WITH A +/- 0.50 DIOPTRE CHANGE IN POWER: CHANGE IN PRESCRIPTION CALCULATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### Base Rx (Previous Prescription)

OD= +3.50/-1.25 X 140  
OS= +2.00/-0.75 X 035  
ADD= +1.25

#### New Rx (Current Prescription)

OD= +3.75/-1.00 X 140  
OS= +2.25/-1.25 X 035  
ADD = +1.50

#### Change:

Distance:

$$OD= +0.25 + \frac{1}{2} (+0.25) = +0.37$$

$$OS= +0.25 + \frac{1}{2} (-0.50) = 0.0$$

Close Vision:

$$OD= +0.25 (ADD) + 0.37 = +0.62$$

$$OS= +0.25 (ADD) + 0.0 = +0.25$$

#### Qualification:

Based on the above calculated change in prescription, and as per paragraph 10 of Schedule "A", this Client would be eligible for:

- No replacement of lenses in their distance eyeglasses; and
- Replacement of the right lens only, in their close vision (reading) glass. The change in the left lens is only .25 dioptre.

However, if this Client only had bifocals eyeglasses, then they would be eligible for:

- Replacement of the right lens only.