



**THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (GENERAL PRACTITIONERS COSTS) REGULATIONS 1990, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

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CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 16th day of December 1991

Present:

THE HON. W. F. BIRCH PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 120 (1) (f) of the Accident Compensation Act 1982, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Accident Compensation (General Practitioners Costs) Regulations 1990, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Accident Compensation (General Practitioners Costs) Regulations 1990\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of February 1992.

**2. Corporation to pay certain costs**—(1) Regulation 4 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the expression "\$30.50" and substituting the expression "\$26".

(2) Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclauses:

“(1A) Where any treatment provided by a general practitioner to a claimant in respect of personal injury by accident is sexual abuse counselling, the Corporation shall, instead of the amount payable under subclause (1) of this regulation, pay in respect of the consultation the amount of \$56.25 per hour, with appropriate proportions for parts of an hour (less any Social Security benefit), and no payment shall be made under subclause (1) of this regulation in respect of any such consultation.

“(2) In any case where a travelling fee is payable under regulation 6 of these regulations and the case is one requiring immediate emergency consultation, the Corporation shall, in addition to any payment under subclause (1) or subclause (1A) of this regulation, pay in respect of so much of that consultation as exceeds 30 minutes the amount of \$47.80 per hour with appropriate proportions for parts of an hour (less any social security benefit).”

**3. New Schedule substituted**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule, and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

**4. Saving**—Notwithstanding regulations 2 and 3 of these regulations, where a general practitioner has provided, at any time in the period beginning on the 1st day of September 1990 and ending with the close of the 31st day of January 1992, treatment in respect of personal injury by accident, the principal regulations shall be read as if the amendments made by regulations 2 and 3 of these regulations had not been made.

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## SCHEDULE

Reg. 3

## NEW SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTED

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Reg. 4 (5)

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF TREATMENTS PROVIDED  
BY GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Where an item is marked with an asterisk (\*) in this Schedule, the Corporation shall make a payment under this Schedule in respect of the treatment only if the treatment is provided in the course of a practice for which the medical practitioner qualifies (or would, if the general practitioner were not party to an arrangement entered into under section 97 of the Social Security Act 1964, qualify) for a payment under regulation 11 of the Social Security (Medical Fees) Regulations 1986 (S.R. 1986/290). In the application of Part I of the Second Schedule of those regulations for the purposes of this Schedule, every local government reorganisation scheme under the Local Government Act 1974 that comes into force after the 1st day of October 1986 shall be disregarded.

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*General*

1.	Clean and debride wound/burn (initial consultation only)	.. .. .	23.95
2.	Suturing—wound up to 5 cm	.. .. .	17.20
3.	wound greater than 5 cm, but less than 10 cm	.. .. .	26.80
4.	wound greater than 10 cm	.. .. .	36.35
5.	Set and plaster/splint fracture, finger/toe	.. .. .	19.15
6.	wrist/arm	.. .. .	114.75
7.	ankle/leg	.. .. .	162.55
8.	Removal of foreign body from eye	.. .. .	23.95
9.	Insertion of IV line for transfusion	.. .. .	57.40
10.	Intra-articular, tendon sheath, intra-bursal, or epicondylar injection	.. .. .	19.15
11.	Incise, drain, and debride abscess or haematoma	.. .. .	28.70
12.	Amputation of digit (in emergency only)	.. .. .	95.65
13.	Endotracheal intubation	.. .. .	95.65
14.	Insert emergency chest tube	.. .. .	26.80
15.	Pinch skin graft	.. .. .	71.75
16.	Extensor tendon, primary repair	.. .. .	172.15
17.	Removal of foreign body from ear, other than by simple syringing	.. .. .	23.95
18.	Foreign body, exploration, and removal (other than eye or ear)	.. .. .	28.70
19.	Nail, simple removal of	.. .. .	19.15
20.	Nail, wedge resection of	.. .. .	95.65
20A.	Aspiration of traumatic joint effusion/haemarthrosis	.. .. .	14.35
20B.	Administration of emetic to child following accidental ingestion	.. .. .	19.15

*Dislocations*

21.	Finger/toe, with splint/strapping	.. .. .	33.50
22.	Thumb, with splint/strapping	.. .. .	86.05
23.	Shoulder, plus immobilisation	.. .. .	57.40

SCHEDULE—*continued*NEW SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTED—*continued*“SCHEDULE—*continued*”ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF TREATMENTS PROVIDED  
BY GENERAL PRACTITIONERS—*continued*

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24.	Patella, with plaster, plus immobilisation .. ..	81.30
24A.	Elbow/wrist, with plaster, plus immobilisation .. ..	95.65
24B.	Hip, plus immobilisation .. ..	114.75
<i>Regional Anaesthesia</i>		
25.	Axillary .. ..	53.55
26.	Digital .. ..	26.80
27.	Ischaemic arm block .. ..	53.55
28.	Dental .. ..	26.80
<i>Splinting for soft tissue injury</i>		
*29.	Upper limb, above elbow .. ..	71.75
*30.	below elbow .. ..	62.20
*31.	Lower limb, above knee .. ..	86.05
*32.	below knee .. ..	71.75”

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 1 February 1992, amend the Accident Compensation (General Practitioners Costs) Regulations 1990.

The regulations reduce the amount payable by the Corporation in respect of ordinary consultations from \$30.50 to \$26.

The regulations also provide for payments in respect of consultations that are sexual abuse counselling at the rate of \$56.25 per hour. Payments can also be made for travelling fees and for other specified treatments provided at such consultations.

Other amounts payable under the regulations, including travelling fees and fees payable by the Corporation for specified treatments provided by general practitioners, are reduced by 15 percent.

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These regulations are administered in the Accident Compensation Corporation.