

Serial Number **1954/23****THE DRUG TARIFF 1953, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

PURSUANT to section 90 of the Social Security Act 1938, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction:

1. This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1953* (hereinafter referred to as the Drug Tariff).

2. The Fourth Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended, as from the 1st day of February 1954, by revoking clause 2, and substituting the following clause:

“2. Cortisone eye drops } Solely on the prescription of an
 “Cortisone eye ointment } ophthalmologist.”

3. The Seventh Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by revoking rule 13, and substituting the following rule:

“13. *Application to Prescription Pricing Supplements.*—For the purpose of payment of pharmaceutical benefits claims, the pricing of a medical prescription in accordance with rule 1 of this Schedule shall apply to—

“(a) The Prescription Pricing Supplement 1953/4, issued by the Pharmacy Plan Industrial Committee, in respect of all claims and supporting prescriptions, whatever the date thereof, that are received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after the 16th day of November 1953:

“(b) The Prescription Pricing Supplement 1954/1, issued by the said Committee, in respect of all claims and supporting prescriptions, whatever the date thereof, that are received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after the 16th day of February 1954.”

Dated at Wellington, this 27th day of January 1954.

J. R. MARSHALL,
 Minister of Health.

* Statutory Regulations 1953, Serial number 1953/123, p. 631.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[This note is not part of the direction, but is intended to indicate its general effect.]

The effect of clause 2 of this amendment to the Drug Tariff is that, as from 1 February 1954, cortisone eye ointment may be supplied at the cost of the Social Security Fund when it is prescribed by an ophthalmologist, but not otherwise. It was not formerly available at the cost of the Fund.

The effect of clause 3 is that, in respect of pharmaceutical benefits claims received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after 16 February 1954, the pricing rules of the Drug Tariff will extend to the Prescription Pricing Supplement 1954/1 issued by the Pharmacy Plan Industrial Committee.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.