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THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1946, AMENDMENT NO. 13

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 3rd day of May 1971

Present:

THE HON. J. RAE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

**1. Title**—These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 13, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

**2. New scale of fees**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 12), and substituting the new Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

**3. Date when new fees come into effect**—The new scale of fees substituted by these regulations shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services provided, in accordance with the provisions of the principal regulations, on or after the 1st day of June 1971; and with respect to such services provided before that date the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if these regulations had not been made.

**4. Revocation**—Regulations 3 and 4 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 12, and the Schedule to those regulations, are hereby revoked.

\*S.R. 1946/24 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 3: S.R. 1954/204)  
 Amendment No. 4: (Revoked by S.R. 1960/16)  
 Amendment No. 5: (Revoked by S.R. 1962/187)  
 Amendment No. 6: (Revoked by S.R. 1963/72)  
 Amendment No. 7: (Revoked by S.R. 1964/35)  
 Amendment No. 8: S.R. 1964/19  
 Amendment No. 9: (Revoked by S.R. 1967/181)  
 Amendment No. 10: (Revoked by S.R. 1969/22)  
 Amendment No. 11: (Revoked by S.R. 1970/96)  
 Amendment No. 12: S.R. 1970/96

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## SCHEDULE

## NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Reg. 9

## "SCHEDULE

SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF  
LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists
	<i>Haematology</i>	\$
A. 1	Blood count complete (red and white cells, Hb., differential count and haematocrit estimations) ..	1.50
A. 2	Haemoglobin estimation .. .. .	0.50
A. 3	Red cell count or packed cell volume .. .. .	0.50
A. 4	White cell count .. .. .	0.50
A. 5	Differential white cell count or examination of blood film or both .. .. .	0.50
A. 6	Blood sedimentation rate (or equivalent test) ..	0.50
A. 7	Platelet count .. .. .	0.50
A. 8	Bleeding time .. .. .	0.50
A. 9(a)	Blood coagulation time .. .. .	1.00
A. 9(b)	Clot retraction (semiquantitative) .. .. .	0.50
A. 10	Blood prothrombin test .. .. .	1.50
A. 11(a)	Red cell fragility .. .. .	2.00
A. 11(b)	Red cell autohaemolysis .. .. .	4.00
A. 12	Reticulocytes, siderocytes, Heinz bodies, etc. ..	0.50
A. 13	L.E. cell test .. .. .	2.00
A. 14	Bone marrow examination .. .. .	4.00
A. 15	Thromboplastin generation test .. .. .	4.00
A. 16	Prothrombin consumption test .. .. .	2.00
A. 17	Partial thromboplastin time or kaolin clotting time	2.50
A. 18	Red cell or white cell enzymes .. .. .	2.00
A. 19	Measurement of red cell mass .. .. .	5.00
	<i>Blood Grouping</i>	
B. 1	A.B.O. series .. .. .	0.50
B. 2	Rhesus group .. .. .	0.50
B. 3	Coomb's test .. .. .	1.00
B. 4	Rhesus titre .. .. .	2.00
B. 5	Rhesus phenotyping .. .. .	2.00
B. 6	Serum screening for antibodies—antenatal ..	2.00
B. 7	Donath Landsteiner test .. .. .	1.00
	<i>General Biochemistry</i>	
(Quantitative examinations of blood, urine, cerebrospinal fluid, sweat, saliva, amniotic fluid, faeces, exudates, etc. Qualitative examinations are excluded except where specified)		
C. 1	Non-protein nitrogen or urea nitrogen .. .. .	1.00
C. 2	Glucose (or other sugar) .. .. .	1.00
C. 3	Chlorides or bromides .. .. .	1.50
C. 4	CO <sub>2</sub> combining power, bicarbonate or pCO <sub>2</sub> (one only) .. .. .	2.00

## SCHEDULE—continued

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists \$
<i>General Biochemistry—continued</i>		
C. 5	Bile pigments .. .. .	1.00
C. 6(a)	Cholesterol .. .. .	2.00
C. 6(b)	Total lipids .. .. .	2.00
C. 6(c)	Serum Triglycerides and other lipid fractions (each at)	2.00
C. 7	Uric acid .. .. .	2.00
C. 8	Calcium .. .. .	2.00
C. 9	Phosphorus .. .. .	2.00
C. 10	Iron .. .. .	2.00
C. 11	Iron combining power .. .. .	2.00
C. 12	Sodium .. .. .	2.00
C. 13	Potassium .. .. .	2.00
C. 14	Acid phosphatase .. .. .	2.00
C. 15	Alkaline phosphatase .. .. .	2.00
C. 16	Creatinine .. .. .	1.00
C. 17	Diastase .. .. .	1.00
C. 18	Transaminase—	
	(a) S.G.O.T. .. .. .	2.00
	(b) S.G.P.T. .. .. .	2.00
C. 19	Similar enzymes .. .. .	2.00
C. 20	Total proteins .. .. .	1.00
C. 21	Albumin globulin ratio or electrophoretic pattern of proteins .. .. .	2.00
C. 22	Haemoglobin pigments—	
	(a) Qualitative (including Hams' acid serum test, Schumms test) .. .. .	1.00
	(b) Quantitative (including chemical methods of estimating abnormal haemoglobins and hap- toglobins) .. .. .	2.00
C. 23	Protein bound iodine .. .. .	4.00
C. 24	Magnesium .. .. .	2.00
C. 25	Serum vitamin B12 .. .. .	4.00
C. 26	Serum folic acid .. .. .	4.00
C. 27(a)	Fibrinogen (semiquantitative) .. .. .	2.00
C. 27(b)	Fibrinogen screening .. .. .	1.00
C. 28	T <sub>3</sub> I <sup>131</sup> , red cell or resin uptake, or equivalent .. .. .	2.00
C. 29(a)	Immune globulins (quantitative), per fraction .. .. .	1.00
C. 29(b)	Immunoelectrophoresis, per patient .. .. .	2.00
C. 30	Blood pH .. .. .	2.00
C. 31	Blood ammonia .. .. .	3.00
C. 32	Serum carotene .. .. .	2.00
C. 33	Cryoglobulins (semiquantitative) .. .. .	2.00
C. 34	pO <sub>2</sub> .. .. .	2.00
C. 35	Lithium .. .. .	2.00

## SCHEDULE—continued

Code				Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists	\$
<i>General Biochemistry—continued</i>					
C. 36	Serum barbiturate	..	..	..	4.00
C. 37	Serum pyruvate	..	..	..	2.50
C. 38	Blood alcohol for diagnostic purposes	..	..	..	4.00
<i>Urine Biochemistry</i>					
D. 1	Urine 17 Ketosteroids	..	..	..	4.00
D. 2	Urine adrenocortical steroids	..	..	..	4.00
D. 3	Bence-Jones protein in urine	..	..	..	1.00
D. 4	Urine porphyrins	..	..	..	1.00
D. 5	Urine porphyrilinogen	..	..	..	1.00
D. 6(a)	Catecholamines (qualitative)	..	..	..	1.00
D. 6(b)	Catecholamines (quantitative)	..	..	..	4.00
D. 7	Vanilmandelic acid	..	..	..	4.00
D. 8	Chorionic gonadotrophin	..	..	..	4.00
D. 9	Urinary amino acid chromatography	..	..	..	2.00
D. 10	Hydroxyindolacetic acid	..	..	..	4.00
D. 11	Oestriol	..	..	..	4.00
D. 12	Urinary calculus analysis	..	..	..	2.00
<i>Cerebrospinal Fluid Biochemistry</i>					
E. 1	C.S.F. colloidal gold test	..	..	..	1.00
<i>Faeces Biochemistry</i>					
F. 1	Faeces fat—				
	(a) Qualitative	..	..	..	0.50
	(b) Quantitative	..	..	..	4.00
F. 2	Faeces occult blood	..	..	..	0.50
F. 3	Faeces porphyrins	..	..	..	1.00
F. 4	Faeces trypsin (quantitative)	..	..	..	1.50
<i>Biochemical Function Tests</i>					
G. 1	Urine concentration and dilution tests	..	..	..	1.00
G. 2	Urea clearance test	..	..	..	2.00
G. 3	Creatinine clearance test	..	..	..	2.00
G. 4	Gastric analysis: fractional test meal or augmented histamine test	..	..	..	4.00
G. 5	Gastric analysis: quinine excretion or similar test	..	..	..	2.00
G. 6	Liver function tests (flocculation or precipitation)—				
	Each test	..	..	..	0.50
	Maximum	..	..	..	1.50
G. 7	Bromsulphthalein retention	..	..	..	4.00
G. 8	Congo red absorption	..	..	..	4.00
G. 9	Sweat chloride (qualitative)	..	..	..	2.00
G. 10	Basal metabolic rate estimations	..	..	..	4.00
G. 11	Xylose absorption test	..	..	..	4.00

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists
<i>Bacteriology: Direct Examinations and Cultures</i>		\$
H. 1(a)	Direct microscopic examination with or without stain (including leucocyte counts in biological fluids) .. .. .	1.00
H. 1(b)	Direct microscopic examination with special illumination .. .. .	2.00
H. 1(c)	Direct microscopic examination after digestion or concentration .. .. .	2.00
H. 2	Routine <i>primary</i> culture per specimen .. .. .	2.00
H. 3	Special <i>additional</i> cultural procedures (gonococci, diphtheria organisms, anaerobes, etc.) .. .. .	1.50
H. 4	Colony counts by dilution techniques .. .. .	2.00
H. 5(a)	T.B. culture .. .. .	4.00
H. 5(b)	Blood culture .. .. .	4.00
H. 6	Identification of bacterial species from routine culture by—	
	(a) Enzyme or biochemical test—	
	Each test .. .. .	0.50
	Maximum .. .. .	2.00
	(b) Serological identification—	
	Each culture—slide method .. .. .	0.50
	Each culture—tube method .. .. .	1.00
H. 7(a)	Qualitative chemotherapeutic sensitivity test—	
	Each agent .. .. .	0.50
	Maximum per organism .. .. .	1.50
H. 7(b)	Quantitative (tube or plate dilution) chemotherapeutic sensitivity test—	
	Each agent .. .. .	1.00
	Maximum per organism .. .. .	3.00
H. 7(c)	Special chemotherapeutic tests, e.g.; serum assays; patient's serum v. own organism; antibiotic combinations .. .. .	4.00
H. 8	Toxin tests .. .. .	4.00
H. 9	Seminal fluid fertility check .. .. .	2.00
H. 10	Animal inoculation .. .. .	4.00

*Bacteriology: Serology and Skin Sensitivity Tests*

I. 1	Mantoux test—	
	Single test .. .. .	1.50
	Multiple tests over three, each .. .. .	0.50
I. 2	Skin sensitivity tests .. .. .	2.00
I. 3	Casoni test .. .. .	2.00
I. 4	Heterophile antibody (Paul-Bunnell)—	
	(a) Screening (slide) .. .. .	0.50
	(b) Presumptive .. .. .	1.00
	(c) Presumptive and confirmatory .. .. .	3.00

## SCHEDULE—continued

Code		Fees Payable to Recognised Pathologists \$
<i>Bacteriology: Serology and Skin Sensitivity Tests—continued</i>		
I. 5	Tests for syphilis and gonorrhoea—	
	(a) Fluorescent treponemal test .. .. .	3.00
	(b) Complement fixation test .. .. .	1.00
	(c) Flocculation or precipitation test .. .. .	0.50
I. 6	Tests for hydatids—	
	(a) Hydatid haemagglutination test .. .. .	2.00
	(b) Hydatid latex test .. .. .	1.00
	(c) Hydatid complement fixation test .. .. .	1.00
I. 7	Serological tests for auto-immune diseases—	
	(a) Screen test .. .. .	1.00
	(b) Titre .. .. .	2.00
I. 8(a)	Antistreptolysin titre .. .. .	2.00
I. 8(b)	Anti-Hyaluronidase test .. .. .	2.00
I. 9	C-reactive protein test .. .. .	0.50
I. 10	Agglutination against organisms such as typhoid group or Brucella group—	
	Single organism .. .. .	1.00
	Maximum .. .. .	2.00
I. 11	Leptospira agglutination .. .. .	4.00
I. 12(a)	Toxoplasma dye or haemagglutination test .. .. .	2.00
I. 12(b)	Toxoplasma complement fixation test .. .. .	1.00
I. 12(c)	Toxoplasma latex test .. .. .	1.00
<i>Morbid Histology and Cytology</i>		
J. 1	Histological examination per case—	
	1. Single specimen (minor) .. .. .	4.00
	2. Two specimens (intermediate) .. .. .	8.00
	3. Three or more specimens (major) .. .. .	12.00
	maximum	
J. 2	Cytological examination—	
	(a) Cervical smears (per case) .. .. .	1.50
	(b) Other cytological examinations .. .. .	3.00"

P. J. BROOKS,  
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 prescribe a new scale of fees payable by the Department of Health for laboratory diagnostic services provided, in accordance with the principal regulations, on or after 1 June 1971. A code of reference for use when claims are submitted has been included.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.