



THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 12

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CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 26th day of August 1991

Present:

THE HON. D. C. MCKINNON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 116, 123, and 132 of the Social Security Act 1964, 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 Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 12, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

*S.R. 1981/327

- Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1983/84
- Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1985/42
- Amendment No. 3: (*Revoked by S.R. 1986/274*)
- Amendment No. 4: (*Revoked by S.R. 1987/149*)
- Amendment No. 5: (*Revoked by S.R. 1987/246*)
- Amendment No. 6: (*Revoked by S.R. 1990/46*)
- Amendment No. 7: S.R. 1988/183
- Amendment No. 8: (*Revoked by S.R. 1990/46*)
- Amendment No. 9: S.R. 1990/46
- Amendment No. 10: S.R. 1990/143
- Amendment No. 11: S.R. 1990/225

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 26th day of September 1991, and shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after that date. In respect of laboratory diagnostic services provided before that date, the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if these regulations had not been made.

2. New Schedule to principal regulations—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 3 (1) of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 10 and amended by regulation 5 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 11), and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) Regulation 3 of, and the Schedule to, the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 10 are hereby consequentially revoked.

(3) Regulation 5 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 11 is hereby consequentially revoked.

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SCHEDULE
NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

"SCHEDULE

PART I

SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Code	Description	Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$	Maximum Number
BIOCHEMISTRY TESTS			
BA	BIOCHEMISTRY, ADRENAL TESTS		
BA1	Cortisol, serum	15.09	1
BA2	Cortisol, (stimulation or suppression tests)	28.79	1
BA3	Catecholamines, 24 hr. urine ..	43.90	1
BA4	Vanilylmandelic acid, 24 hr. urine ..	43.90	1
BA5	Urine free cortisol	16.52	1
BE	BIOCHEMISTRY, ELECTROLYTE TESTS		
BE1	Sodium, serum	3.57	1
BE2	Potassium, serum	3.57	1
BE3	Sodium and Potassium, serum ..	6.83	1
	(a) BE1 Sodium, serum		
	(b) BE2 Potassium, serum		
BE4	Chloride, serum	3.28	1
BE5	Sodium, 24 hr. urine	6.48	1
BE6	Potassium, 24 hr. urine	6.48	1
BE7	Sodium and Potassium 24 hr. urine	6.73	1
	(a) BE5 Sodium, 24 hr. urine		
	(b) BE6 Potassium, 24 hr. urine		
BE8	Calcium, serum	3.43	1
BE9	Calcium, 24 hr. urine	6.48	1
BEA	Phosphate, serum	3.39	1
BEB	Magnesium, serum	4.08	1
BEC	Magnesium, urine	6.49	1
BF	BIOCHEMISTRY, FAECES TESTS		
BF2	Faecal fat (quantitative)	43.90	1
BF5	Faecal reducing substances	7.14	4
BG	BIOCHEMISTRY, GLUCOSE TESTS		
BG2	Fructosamine or glycosylated protein	5.22	1
BG3	Glucose Tolerance Test standard ..	18.68	1
BG4	Glucose Tolerance Test post-polycose screen	5.84	1
BH	BIOCHEMISTRY, HAEMOPOIETIC TESTS		
BH1	Ferritin, serum	6.59	1
BH2	Transferrin, serum	3.58	1
BH3	Iron binding capacity, serum	3.58	1
BH4	Iron, serum	3.58	1
BH7	Folate, red cell	5.74	1
BH8	Folate plus Vitamin B12, serum ..	8.62	1

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BL	BIOCHEMISTRY, LIPID TESTS		
BL1	Cholesterol total, serum	3.58	1
BL3	Triglycerides, fasting only	3.65	1
BL4	Fasting lipid group test	8.34	1
	(a) BL1—Cholesterol total		
	(b) HDL		
	(c) LDL		
	(d) BL3—Triglycerides, fasting		
BL5	Lipoproteins, electrophoresis, serum	6.40	1
BM	BIOCHEMISTRY, MONITORING TESTS FOR DRUGS		
BM1	Digoxin	7.22	1
BM2	Lithium	8.41	1
BM3	Antiepileptics	10.80	6
BM4	Theophylline	8.33	1
BP	BIOCHEMISTRY, PROTEIN TESTS		
BP1	Proteins total, serum	3.38	1
BP2	Albumen, serum	3.31	1
BP3	Protein electrophoretic pattern, serum	6.40	1
BP4	Electrophoresis concentrated urine	23.95	1
BP5	Immunoglobulins (IgA, IgE, IgG, or IgM)	6.60	4
BP6	Immuno-electrophoresis for Bence-Jones protein	52.39	1
BP7	Proteins, 24 hr. urine	8.07	1
BR	BIOCHEMISTRY, RENAL TESTS		
BR1	Creatinine, serum	3.36	1
BR2	Urea, serum	3.26	1
BR3	Urate or uric acid, serum	3.52	1
BR5	Urinary calculus analysis	10.04	1
BR8	Creatinine, 24 hr. urine	6.38	1
BR9	Creatinine clearance test	8.11	1
BS	BIOCHEMISTRY, BLOOD GAS ASSAYS		
BS1	Bicarbonate or total CO ₂ , serum	3.92	1
BS2	pH, pO ₂ , and pCO ₂	21.18	1

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BT	BIOCHEMISTRY, THYROID TESTS		
BT1	Thyroid stimulating hormone, serum (TSH)	6.01	1
BT2	Free thyroxine index or free T4	5.29	1
BT3	Serum free T3	6.49	1
BU	BIOCHEMISTRY, UNCATEGORISED TESTS		
BU1	Hydroxy-indoleacetic acid (Serotonin)	15.57	1
BV	BIOCHEMISTRY, LIVER TESTS		
BV1	Bilirubin total, serum	6.17	1
BV2	Bilirubin total, conjugated and unconjugated serum	9.25	1
BV4	Alcohol, diagnostic purposes only	8.27	1
BV9	Liver function screen	20.75	1
	(a) BV1 Bilirubin total		
	(b) BZ5 Alkaline phosphatase		
	(c) BZ2 Aspartate amino transferase (AST)		
	(d) BZ8 Alanine amino transferase (ALT)		
	(e) BP1 + BP2 Protein (Total, albumin and globulin)		
	(f) BZ6 Gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT)		
BX	BIOCHEMISTRY, REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM TESTS		
BX2	Chorionic Gonadotrophin screen plus quantitative (HCG)	13.95	1
BX3	Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)	9.52	1
BX4	Luteinising hormone (LH)	7.73	1
BX7	Prolactin, serum	13.14	1
BZ	BIOCHEMISTRY, ENZYME TESTS		
BZ1	Amylase	3.53	1
BZ2	Aspartate amino transferase, serum (AST)	3.36	1
BZ3	Creatine (Phospho) kinase, serum (CK)	3.65	1
BZ4	Acid phosphatase, serum	6.78	1
BZ5	Alkaline phosphatase, serum	3.39	1

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BZ6	Gamma glutamyl transferase, serum (GGT)	3.38	1
BZ7	Myocardial screen	7.88	1
	(a) BZ2 Aspartate amino transferase (AST)		
	(b) BZ3 Creatine (Phospho) kinase (CK)		
	(c) BZ9 Creatine kinase isoenzyme (CK-MB) if indicated		
BZ8	Alanine amino transferase (ALT) ..	3.38	1
BZ9	Other enzymes where specifically requested	3.95	
BZP	Acid phosphatase (prostatic) ..	6.78	1
CYTOLOGY AND MORBID HISTOLOGY			
C10	Cytological examination of cervical smears (per accession)	15.71	1
C20	Cytological examination of smears from other sites (per accession)	47.12	1
C30	Cytological urgent examination of smear taken during surgery, extra	99.41	1
C40	Cytological examination of fine needle aspiration taken and examined by pathologist	99.41	1
C50	Histology (per accession)	64.10	1
C80	Histology—frozen section during surgery, extra	117.80	1
DIAGNOSTIC IMMUNOLOGICAL AND SEROLOGICAL TESTS			
D01	Skin tests, immediate hypersensitivity	2.78	10
D12	Tuberculin skin test	6.44	1
D14	Other skin tests for cell mediated immunity	4.44	
D15	Auto-immune disease, anti-nuclear antibody	7.31	2
D16	Auto-immune disease, anti-nuclear antibody titre	17.48	1
D17	Auto-immune disease, thyroid ..	7.10	2
D19	Autoantibodies, other	11.41	
D20	Rheumatoid factor—Rose Waaler test	6.51	2

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D21	C-reactive protein test	6.32	1
D22	Antistreptococcal antibodies	8.48	3
D23	Paul-Bunnell (or equivalent)	4.12	1
D24	Syphilis—VDRL or other reagin test	5.87	1
D25	Syphilis—specific antibody test	6.02	1
D26	Syphilis—confirmatory specific antibody test	11.09	1
D31	Hydatids antibody	13.23	2
D32	Leptospira agglutination screen test	11.07	1
D33	Leptospira specific antibody test	4.61	8
D34	Brucella antibodies	7.84	3
D35	Toxoplasma antibodies, IgG, paired sera only	16.57	2
D36	Toxoplasma antibodies, IgM titre	12.90	
D40	Rubella antibodies—immune status	8.69	1
D41	Rubella antibodies—titre, paired sera only	15.57	2
D42	Hepatitis B—(Anti HBs) antibody	7.18	1
D43	Hepatitis B—(HBsAg) surface antigen	6.56	1
D50	Salmonella agglutination tests	6.36	5
D60	CM virus, specific antibody titre, paired sera only	9.51	2
D70	Chlamydia direct antigen test	18.17	1
D71	Rotovirus direct antigen test	20.40	1
D72	Herpes virus direct antigen test	18.17	1
D80	HIV Screen test	12.00	1

HAEMATOLOGY TESTS

H01	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)	7.52	1
H03	Bleeding time	9.90	1
H04	Thrombin time	9.90	1
H05	Clot retraction	2.22	1
H06	Plasma prothrombin ratio	9.48	1
H07	Partial thromboplastin clotting time	9.97	3
H08	Fibrinogen screening	3.34	1
H09	Fibrinogen (quantitative)	9.90	1
H10	Coagulation factors individual assays	27.79	
H15	Coagulation screen	34.25	1
H19	Red blood cell inclusion bodies	10.76	3

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H20	Anti human globulin test including Coombs test	8.52	2
H22	Lupus erythematosus cells (LE cells)	32.68	1
H31	Red blood cell fragility	55.58	3
H32	Red blood cell autohaemolysis	33.35	1
H33	Red cell or white cell enzyme	47.26	
H34	Donath-Landsteiner reaction	7.77	1
H40	Haemoglobin pigments—qualitative	16.17	
H41	Haemoglobin pigments—quantitative	27.53	
H50	Bone marrow aspirate—(per site, not per slide)	276.50	
H60	Blood grouping A.B.O. group	3.44	1
H61	Blood grouping—Rhesus—group	3.45	1
H62	Blood grouping—Rhesus—titre	15.57	1
H63	Blood grouping—Rhesus—phenotyping	18.44	1

MICROBIOLOGY TESTS

M01	Swab, skin/wound/pus	13.30	
M02	Swab, throat	13.30	1
M03	Swab, ear	13.30	2
M04	Swab, nasal	13.30	2
M05	Swab, peri-anal	15.15	1
M06	Swab, vaginal	15.15	1
M07	Swab, cervical	15.15	1
M08	Swab, urethral	15.15	1
M09	Swab, eye	13.30	2
M10	Swab, rectal for sexually transmitted diseases	15.15	1
M11	Enteric pathogens (faeces or rectal swab)	15.91	1
M15	Ova and cysts	13.65	1
M16	Aspirates, culture and sensitivities	15.24	
M17	Blood culture	28.06	3
M18	Sputum (excluding tuberculosis)	17.28	1
M19	Other, culture, sensitivities and identification	15.24	
M20	Mycology—skin	20.39	
M21	Film—examination for malaria, filaria, and/or gonococci	10.38	

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M22	Film (concentrated) examination for filaria	15.68	
M25	Seminal fluid—fertility	23.79	1
M26	Seminal fluid—post vasectomy	14.15	1
M30	Tuberculosis—sputum	26.88	1
M31	Tuberculosis—gastric aspirate	26.88	1
M32	Tuberculosis—urine	26.88	1
M33	Tuberculosis—other sites	26.88	
M40	Urine culture—(with colony count, identification and sensitivities where indicated)	17.00	1
SCREENING TESTS			
S01	Complete blood count (CBC) (a) RBC (b) WBC (c) Hb (d) MCV (e) Leukocyte differential and/or blood film (f) Platelet count	11.24	1
S02	First antenatal screening (a) S01 Complete blood count (b) S04 Antenatal antibodies (c) H60 Blood grouping, A.B.O. series (d) H61 Blood grouping, Rhesus group (e) D24 Syphilis—VDRL or other reagin test (f) D40 Rubella antibodies, immune status (g) D43 Hepatitis B (HBsAg) surface antigen	36.95	1
S03	Antenatal subsequent screens (a) S01 Complete blood count (b) S04 Antenatal antibodies	15.03	1
S04	Antenatal antibodies, including Coombs test	8.25	1

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S05	Neonatal screen	25.72	1
	(a) —Hb		
	(b) —PCV		
	(c) —Blood film		
	(d) H20 Antihuman globulin test (Coombs)		
	(e) BV1 Bilirubin total		
	(f) H60 Blood grouping, A.B.O. series		
	(g) H61 Blood grouping, Rhesus group		

PART II

GROUP TESTS

Code Reference: BE3, BE7, BV9, BZ7, H15, S02, S03.

PART III

GROUP TESTS

Code Reference: BX1, C10, D70, D72, H15, M06, M07, M09, S01, S02,
S03, S04, S05.”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 26 September 1991, delete the following tests:

H02 Platelet count (now included in S01—Complete blood count).
BH5 and BH6 Vitamin B12 and Folic Acid—now combined in BH8.

The following tests have been deleted:

BF3 Occult blood
BG1 Glucose serum
BX1 Chorionic Gonadotrophin screen (pregnancy test)

The following test has been deleted:

SO6 Urinalysis screen tests (“routine”)
(a) Glucose
(b) Protein
(c) Microscopy (if indicated)
(d) Bacterial culture and colony count
(e) Antimicrobial sensitivities (if indicated)

This has been replaced with—

M40 Urine culture (with colony count, identification, and sensitivities where indicated).

Parts (a) and (b) of the Urinalysis screen test have been deleted.

The following test has been added to the Schedule:

D80 HIV screen test.

The new Schedule also prescribes a new scale of fees payable by the Department of Health for laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after 26 September 1991.

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