



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES)
REGULATIONS 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 3**

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 16th day of December
1985

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL 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 and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 3, 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).

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of August 1985, and shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after that date.

2. New scale of fees—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 7 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 1), and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

3. Revocations—The following regulations are hereby consequentially revoked:

- (a) Regulation 7 of, and the Schedule to, the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 1:
 (b) Regulations 7 and 8 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 2.

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SCHEDULE

NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Reg. 3

“SCHEDULE

SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Code	Title	£
HAEMATOTOLOGY		
A.1	Complete blood count (red and white cells, haemoglobin, MCV, differential leucocyte count or blood film or both)	6.49
A.2	Blood sedimentation rate	1.30
A.3	Platelet count	2.36
A.4	Bleeding time65
A.5	(a) Thrombin clotting time	1.30
	(b) Clot retraction (semi-quantitative)65
A.6	Blood prothrombin test	3.90
A.7	(a) Red cell fragility	2.60
	(b) Red cell autohaemolysis	5.20
A.8	Reticulocytes, siderocytes, Heinz Bodies, etc.	2.36
A.9	LE Cell test	2.60
A.10	Bone marrow examination	25.92
A.11	Coagulation factor (individual assay)	2.60
A.12	Partial thromboplastin time or kaolin clotting time	3.25
A.13	Red cell or white cell enzymes	2.60
A.14	Chromosome analysis (for Philadelphia chromosome or similar abnormality)	3.90
BLOOD GROUPING		
B.1	A.B.O. series65
B.2	Rhesus group65
B.3	Coombs test	1.30
B.4	Rhesus titre	2.60
B.5	Rhesus phenotyping	2.60
B.6	Serum screening of antibodies—antenatal	2.60
B.7	Donath Landsteiner test	1.30
CLINICAL CHEMISTRY		
C.1	Urea	2.36
C.2	Creatinine	2.36
C.3	Serum glucose or glycosolated protein	2.36
C.4	Bicarbonate or total CO ₂ (one fee only)	2.60

SCHEDULE—*continued*

<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>£</i>
C.5	Bile pigments:	
	(a) Bilirubin total	2.36
	(b) Bilirubin conjugated and unconjugated and total ..	4.72
	(c) Bile pigments in urine	1.18
C.6	(a) Cholesterol	2.60
	(b) Serum triglycerides	2.60
	(c) HDL cholesterol	2.60
C.7	Uric acid	2.60
C.8	Calcium	2.60
C.9	Phosphorus	2.60
C.10	Iron and iron binding capacity	5.20
C.11	Ferritin	5.90
C.12	Chloride	1.95
C.13	Sodium	2.60
C.14	Potassium	2.60
C.15	Acid phosphatase	2.60
C.16	Alkaline phosphatase	2.60
C.17	Amylase	2.36
C.18	Transaminase	
	(a) AST	2.60
	(b) ALT	2.60
C.19	Other enzymes (as per specific request)	2.60
C.20	(a) Total proteins (quantitative) other than urine	1.30
	(b) Serum albumin	1.30
	(c) 24 hour urine proteins	1.30
C.21	Electrophoretic pattern of serum proteins or lipoproteins ..	2.60
C.22	Immunoglobulins (quantitative) per fraction	1.95
	Maximum	5.80
C.23	Haemoglobin pigments:	
	(a) Qualitative (including Hams' acid serum test, Schumm's test)	1.30
	(b) Quantitative (including chemical methods of estimating abnormal haemoglobins and haptoglobins)	2.60
C.24	Magnesium	2.60
C.25	Serum vitamin B12	5.20
C.26	Folate level (one fee only)	5.20
C.27	(a) Fibrinogen (semi-quantitative)	2.60
	(b) Fibrinogen screening	1.30
C.28	Thyroxine (T4)	5.20
C.29	T ₃ ¹³¹ , resin uptake or equivalent measure of thyroid-binding protein (one fee only)	2.60
C.30	TSH	5.90
C.31	Free T ₃ assay	5.19
C.32	FSH	5.04
C.33	LH	5.04
C.34	Serum prolactin	6.54
C.35	Serum carotene	2.60
C.36	Cryoglobulins (semi-quantitative)	2.60
C.37	Lithium	2.60
C.38	Blood or urine alcohol for diagnostic purposes (one fee only)	5.20
C.39	Porphyryns (quantitative)	5.20

SCHEDULE—continued

Code	Title	£
C.40	Digoxin	6.49
C.41	Anti-epileptic agents	6.49
C.42	Theophylline	5.90
C.43	Serum cortisol (maximum 2)	5.20
C.44	Urine Cortico-steroids (one fee only)	5.20
C.45	Bence-Jones protein in urine	
	(a) Electrophoresis of concentrated urine	12.00
	(b) Immuno-electrophoresis of concentrated urine to detect specific light chains (only if (a) is positive)	30.00
C.46	Catecholamines (quantitative)	5.20
C.47	Vanillylmandelic acid	5.20
C.48	Chorionic gonadotrophin (including pregnancy tests):	
	(a) Screen	5.20
	(b) Titre for tumour monitoring	5.20
C.49	Urinary amino acid chromatography	2.60
C.50	Hydroxy indolacetic acid	5.20
C.51	Oestriol, plasma/urine (one fee only)	5.20
C.52	Urinary calculus analysis	2.60
C.53	Faeces fat:	
	(a) Qualitative65
	(b) Quantitative	5.20
C.54	Faeces occult blood65
C.55	Faeces trypsin	1.95
BIOCHEMICAL FUNCTION TESTS		
C.56	Urine concentration and dilution tests	1.30
C.57	Creatinine clearance test	4.72
C.58	Xylose absorption test	5.20
C.59	Glucose tolerance test	17.71
MICROBIOLOGY		
D.1	Skin/wound/pus swab	15.35
D.2	Skin—mycology	10.63
D.3	Throat swab	10.63
D.4	Ear swab	15.35
D.5	Nasal swab	11.80
D.6	Sputum (excluding TB)	16.53
D.7	Sputum for TB	14.17
D.8	Other sites for TB—specify	14.17
D.9	Gastric aspirate for TB	14.17
D.10	Faeces or Rectal swab for enteric pathogens	23.62
D.11	Rectal swab for STD	16.53
D.12	Peri-anal swab	16.53
D.13	Vaginal swab	16.53
D.14	Cervical swab	16.53
D.15	Urethral swab	16.53
D.16	Blood culture	18.89
D.17	Seminal fluid—fertility	4.72
D.18	Seminal fluid—post vas	3.54
D.19	Eye swab	12.99

SCHEDULE—continued

Code	Title	\$
D.20	Aspirates	16.53
D.21	Ova and cysts	2.36
D.22	Other	15.35
D.23	Film examination for malaria, filaria or gonococci ..	1.30
D.24	Concentrated film examination for filaria	2.60
SEROLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY		
E.1	(a) Tuberculin test	1.95
	(b) Other skin tests for cell mediated immunity	1.95
E.2	Skin tests (immediate hypersensitivity tests) (maximum 10) ..	2.60
E.3	Auto-immune disease	
	(a) Anti-nuclear antibody (one only)	3.90
	(b) Titre (only if (a) is positive)	3.90
	(c) Thyroid (maximum 2)	2.60
	(d) Rheumatoid factors (maximum 2)	2.60
E.4	Anti streptococcal antibodies (maximum 3)	2.60
E.5	C-reactive protein test screen65
E.6	Paul Bunnell or equivalent	3.90
E.7	Syphilis	
	(a) VDRL or other reagin test (1 only)	1.30
	(b) Specific antibody test (1 only)	1.30
	(c) Confirmatory specific antibody test (only if (a) or (b) is positive or equivocal or there are special clinical indications) ..	3.90
E.8	Hydatids antibody (maximum 2)	2.60
E.9	Salmonella agglutination tests (maximum 5 per specimen) ..	1.30
E.10	Leptospira agglutination	
	(a) Screen Test	5.20
	(b) Specific antibody tests (maximum 8) (only if (a) is positive)	2.60
E.11	Toxoplasma antibodies:	
	(a) IgG antibody titre (paired sera only)	each 2.60
	(b) IgM antibody titre	2.60
E.12	(a) Hepatitis Bs antigen	2.60
	(b) Anti HBs	7.84
E.13	Rubella antibodies:	
	(a) Immune Status	3.60
	(b) Titre on paired sera	each 2.60
E.14	CM virus	
	Specific antibody titre (paired sera only)	each 2.60
E.15	Brucella antibodies (maximum 3)	2.60
MORBID HISTOLOGY AND CYTOLOGY		
F.1	Histological examination per case:	
	(a) Single specimen (minor)	12.99
	(b) Two specimens (intermediate)	25.92
	(c) Three or more specimens (major)	38.91
	(d) Frozen section (extra)	12.99
F.2	Cytological examination:	
	(a) Cervical smears (per case)	5.20
	(b) Other cytological examinations	10.39
F.3	Frozen section and/or smear during surgery (including fine needle aspirates)	38.91

SCHEDULE—continued

Code	Title	\$
GROUP TESTS		
G.1	Liver function tests:	
	(a) Bilirubin	
	(b) Alkaline phosphatase	
	(c) AST	
	(d) ALT	
	(e) Total protein, albumin and globulin	
	(f) GGT	12.40
G.2	Myocardial enzymes:	
	(a) AST	
	(b) LDH	
	(c) CPK	6.20
G.3	Electrolytes:	
	(a) Sodium	
	(b) Potassium	4.72
G.4	Lipid tests:	
	(a) Cholesterol	
	(b) Triglycerides	4.13
G.5	Thyroid function tests:	
	(a) Thyroxine (T4) and T ₃ resin uptake	
or	(b) Free thyroxine	6.20
G.6	Antenatal group:	
	(a) Complete blood count (red and white cells, haemoglobin, MCV, differential leucocyte count)	
	(b) Antibodies	
	(c) A.B.O.	
	(d) Rh blood group	
	(e) Screening test for syphilis	9.15
G.7	Neonatal group:	
	(a) Hb	
	(b) PCV	
	(c) Blood film	
	(d) Coombs	
	(e) Bilirubin	
	(f) A.B.O.	
	(g) Rh blood group	8.09
G.8	Coagulation screen:	
	(a) Complete blood count	
	(b) Platelets	
	(c) Prothrombin estimation	
	(d) PTTK	
	(e) Bleeding time and thrombin clotting time	12.87
G.9	Blood gases:	
	(a) pH	
	(b) pO ₂	
	(c) pCO ₂	10.63

SCHEDULE—*continued*

<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>£</i>
	URINES	
H.1	Microscopy, glucose and protein, culture, bacterial count and antibacterial substances	11.22
H.2	Urine for TB	14.17.”

P. G. MILLEN,
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 are deemed to have come into force on 1 August 1985, prescribe a new scale of fees payable by the Department of Health for laboratory diagnostic services.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.