(9) At the end of paragraph (2) of the said regulation 13 there shall be added the following words:—

" together with a sum representing the difference between the amount specified as aforesaid and the said smaller amount ".

(10) In sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 17 (which sub-paragraph enables an officer of the Local Medical Committee or of a committee representing opticians to attend meetings of the Ophthalmic Services Committee) there shall be substituted for the word " officer " the words " duly authorised officer or member ".

(11) After paragraph 3 of Part III of the First Schedule (which paragraph sets out the standard of service with which dispensing opticians are required to comply) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

" 3A. All glasses supplied by or through a dispensing optician shall conform to the types and quality set out in the statement referred to in regulation 3 of the regulations."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this thirtieth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.) *Iain Macleod,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1948, inter alia, in two main respects:— (1) by providing a procedure for the removal of the name of an ophthalmic medical practitioner, ophthalmic optician or dispensing optician from the ophthalmic list of an Executive Council where such practitioner or optician has never provided supplementary ophthalmic services during the preceding six months or has ceased for that period to provide such services and (2) by enabling a Council in hardship cases to determine that the whole or any part of the charges for repairs or for certain replacements of glasses caused by lack of care, shall be paid by the Council, whether or not the glasses are of a special type.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

1953 No. 608 (S. 54)

The National Health Service (Constitution of Regional Hospital Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1953

Made - - - - 27*th March,* 1953
Coming into Operation 1*st April,* 1953

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 11 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Service (Constitution of Regional Hospital Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1953.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 27.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. For the Schedule to the National Health Service (Constitution of Regional Hospital Boards) (Scotland) Order, 1947(b), there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Order.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1953.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

SCHEDULE

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4		
			Number of Members (excluding Chairman)		
Number of Area	Title of Area	Title of Board	From 1st April, 1953, to 31st March, 1954	From 1st April, 1954, to 31st March, 1955	From 1st April, 1955, and thereafter
			(*a*)	(*b*)	(*c*)
1	Northern Hospital Region, Scotland	Northern Regional Hospital Board, Scotland	16	15	14
2	North-Eastern Hospital Region, Scotland	North-Eastern Regional Hospital Board, Scotland	18	16	14
3	Eastern Hospital Region, Scotland	Eastern Regional Hospital Board, Scotland	18	16	14
4	South-Eastern Hospital Region, Scotland	South-Eastern Regional Hospital Board, Scotland	23	20	17
5	Western Hospital Region, Scotland	Western Regional Hospital Board, Scotland	29	26	23

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the National Health Service (Constitution of Regional Hospital Boards) (Scotland) Order, 1947, which prescribed the size of each Regional Hospital Board, by reducing the size of these Boards in stages over three years.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.R. & O. 1947/2297; Rev. XV, p. 832; 1947 I, p. 1360.