



## SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

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Dear Colleague

### **DISPENSING DOCTORS - DISPENSING FEES 2002/2003**

#### **Summary**

1. This letter notifies the new dispensing fee scale applicable with effect from 1 April 2002. Paragraph 44/Schedule 2 of the Statement of Fees and Allowances will be amended on the Scottish Health on the Web (SHOW) site as soon as possible. In the meantime, a determination (Annex A) is given for the purposes of Regulation 35(1) of the National Health Service (General Medical Services)(Scotland) Regulations 1995 that payments for dispensing fees should be made in accordance with the terms set out in Annex B of this letter.

#### **General**

2. The new fee scale which applies from 1 April 2002 will be implemented by Pharmacy Practice Division in respect of prescriptions dispensed in February 2003. Retrospective payments for April 2002 to January 2003 are likely to be made with payments for March 2003 dispensings.

#### **Action**

3. I should be grateful if NHS Boards could bring the contents of this circular to the attention of dispensing doctors on their medical lists.

Yours sincerely

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**ANNEX A**

**AMENDMENT TO THE STATEMENT OF FEES AND ALLOWANCES  
DISPENSING FEES: DETERMINATION**

Scottish Ministers, pursuant to regulation 35(1) of the National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, hereby determine that payments for dispensing fees shall be made in accordance with the terms set out in Annex B from 1 April 2002.

**ANNEX B**

**PARAGRAPH 44/SCHEDULE 2**

Dispensing Fees (see paragraph 44.3) - marginal fee scale for application to prescriptions submitted for pricing by practitioner/practice per month

<b>Prescriptions in Bands</b>	<b>Payment per* Prescription from 1.4.2002</b>
1-100	154.7
101-200	153.7
201-300	150.2
301-450	147.2
451-600	142.7
601-650	122.2
651-700	119.2
701-750	115.2
751-800	113.7
801-850	108.2
851-900	103.2
901-950	100.2
951-1000	94.7
1001-1050	92.7
1051-1100	88.2
1101-1150	83.7
1151-1200	81.7
1201-1250	76.7
1251-1300	74.7
1301-1350	70.2
1351-1400	64.2
1401-1450	62.2
1451-1500	57.2
1501-1750	84.7
1751-2000	94.7
2001-2250	92.7
2251-2500	90.2
2501-2750	88.7
2751-3000	86.2
3001-3250	85.7
3251-3500	84.7
3501-3750	83.2
3751-4000	82.7
4001-4250	81.7
4251-4500	79.7
4501-4750	78.7
4751-5000	77.7
5001-5250	77.2
5251-5500	75.7

5501-5750	74.7
5751-6000	73.7
6001-6250	72.7
6251-6500	71.7
6501-6750	70.7

\*Payment will be reduced by 1p per prescription for each additional 250 prescriptions per month in excess of 6,750.