

Pricing Schedule

for

Visual Aids

Effective 1 July 2021

**INTRODUCTION**

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| **Effective date** | This pricing schedule is effective from 1 July 2021 |
| **Summary of changes to this schedule** |
| **Indexation** | The fees for items in this schedule have been indexed in line with all medical and allied health services. |
| **Schedule 2 Contact Lens and Consumables** | Supply of disposable contact lenses, items OP77 and OP78 have been changed from three months to six months and the fees have been doubled to reflect this change in quantity. This was to bring DVA fees in line with the industry practice. |
| **Notes** | The Notes can be found on the DVA website at:<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals> |
| **New DVA contact numbers** | The DVA contact details are as follows:**Telephone Number: 1800 550 457** (Select Option 3, then Option 1) |

Postal address (for all States & Territories):

 **Health Approvals & Home Care Section**

 **Department of Veterans’ Affairs**

 **GPO Box 9998**

 **BRISBANE QLD 4001**

**CLAIMING FOR PAYMENT**

**Claim Enquiries:** 1300 550 017 (Option 2 Allied Health)

For more information about claims for payment visit:

[www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim](http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim)

**Claiming Online and DVA Webclaim**

DVA offers online claiming utilising Medicare Online Claiming. DVA Webclaim is available on the Services Australia (Medicare) [Provider Digital Access (PRODA) Service](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/services/medicare/proda). For more information about the online solutions available:

* DVA Webclaim\Technical Support enquiries: Phone: 1800 700 199 or email: eBusiness@servicesaustralia.gov.au
* Billing, banking and claim enquiries: Phone: 1300 550 017
* Visit the Services Australia website at: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/subjects/doing-business-online-health-professionals>

**Manual Claiming**

Please send all claims for payment to: Veterans’ Affairs Processing (VAP)

 Services Australia

 GPO Box 964

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## DVA provider fillable and printable health care claim forms & service vouchers are also available on the DVA website at: <http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/forms-service-providers>

**SCHEDULE 1 – SPECTACLES**

**All prescription lenses for eligible persons should be supplied in scratch resistant acrylic material, except in circumstances where standard glass lenses would better meet the needs of the client. The cost of scratch resistant coating is included in the list price for each lens.**

* 1. **SINGLE VISION LENS (scratch resistant acrylic)**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP01 | Near Stock Lens (each) | $26.30 | EXEMPT |
| OP02 | Near Stock Lens (pair) | $52.50 | EXEMPT |
| OP03 | Near Grind Lens (each) | $45.35 | EXEMPT |
| OP04 | Near Grind Lens (pair) | $90.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP05 | Near Aspheric Lens (each) | $49.35 | EXEMPT |
| OP06 | Near Aspheric Lens (pair) | $98.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP13 | Distance Stock Lens (each) | $26.30 | EXEMPT |
| OP14 | Distance Stock Lens (pair) | $52.50 | EXEMPT |
| OP15 | Distance Grind Lens (each) | $45.35 | EXEMPT |
| OP16 | Distance Grind Lens (pair) | $90.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP17 | Distance Aspheric Lens (each) | $49.35 | EXEMPT |
| OP18 | Distance Aspheric Lens (pair) | $98.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP19 | Distance Photosensitive Stock Lens (each) | $82.15  | EXEMPT |
| OP20 | Distance Photosensitive Stock Lens (pair) | $164.30 | EXEMPT |
| OP29 | Distance Photosensitive Grind Lens (each) | $99.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP36 | Distance Photosensitive Grind Lens (pair) | $199.45 | EXEMPT |

**NOTE:**

1. Near lens items are restricted against OP54, OP56 and OP57.
	1. **MULTI VISION LENS (scratch resistant acrylic)**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP21 | Bifocal Lens (each) | $56.80 | EXEMPT |
| OP22 | Bifocal Lens (pair) | $113.60 | EXEMPT |
| OP23 | Bifocal Aspheric Lens (each) | $59.35 | EXEMPT |
| OP24 | Bifocal Aspheric Lens (pair) | $118.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP07 | Bifocal Photosensitive Lens (each) | $104.25 | EXEMPT |
| OP08 | Bifocal Photosensitive Lens (pair) | $208.40 | EXEMPT |
| OP25 | Trifocal D28 Lens (each) | $68.25 | EXEMPT |
| OP26 | Trifocal D28 Lens (pair) | $136.50 | EXEMPT |
| OP09 | Trifocal Photosensitive Lens (each) | $155.90 | EXEMPT |
| OP10 | Trifocal Photosensitive Lens (pair) | $311.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP27 | Progressive Lens index <1.6 (each) | $96.85 | EXEMPT |
| OP28 | Progressive Lens index <1.6 (pair) | $193.80 | EXEMPT |
| OP49 | High Index (1.6 or greater) Progressive Lens (each) | $129.95 | EXEMPT |
| OP74 | High Index (1.6 or greater) Progressive Lens (pair) | $259.90 | EXEMPT |
| OP11 | Progressive Photosensitive Lens (each) | $152.60 | EXEMPT |
| OP12 | Progressive Photosensitive Lens (pair) | $305.15 | EXEMPT |

**NOTES:**

1. OP27, OP28, OP49, OP74, OP11 and OP12 include a 60-day non-adoption warranty from date of dispensing. No further charge is met by DVA for alternative lenses. Such cost is borne by the dispenser and, in turn, the supplier of the lenses.
2. High index progressive lenses can be claimed when the spherical equivalent of the prescription is +/- 3.50 dioptres and a high index (1.6 or greater) lens is clinically appropriate.
	1. **PRISMS**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP34 | Grind Prisms (greater than 2.00 dioptres) (each) | $12.20 | EXEMPT |
| OP35 | Grind Prisms (greater than 2.00 dioptres) (pair) | $24.30 | EXEMPT |

**NOTE**

1. Prisms of 2.00 dioptres or less are included in the cost of grind lens.
	1. **LENS TREATMENTS**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP54 | Tint applied as part of initial dispensing (each) | $7.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP57 | Tint applied after spectacles dispensed or to clients’ own spectacles (each) | $7.75 | TAXABLE |
| OP56 | UV coating (each) | $17.40 | EXEMPT |

**NOTES:**

1. Restrictions apply to items OP37, OP51, OP54, OP57 and OP71. Eligible persons may receive only one of these items in any two-year period.
2. OP56 is not claimable in relation to single vision near lenses.
	1. **FRAMES**

**Primary frames**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP32 | Plastic frames | $58.60 | TAXABLE |
| OP44 | Metal frames | $85.30 | TAXABLE |

**Co-payment frames**

This option is available to the eligible person when s/he prefers a frame that is not provided under DVA no-gap arrangements. If a co-payment is required, the eligible person must agree in writing to pay the co-payment requested.

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP64 | Plastic co-payment frames | $58.60 | TAXABLE |
| OP65 | Metal co-payment frames | $85.30 | TAXABLE |

* 1. **REPAIRS**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP60 | Repair or replace temple/joint *(incl. Postage)* | $20.30 | TAXABLE |
| OP62 | Nose pads (each) | $4.30 | TAXABLE |

* 1. **MISCELLANEOUS**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP38 | Fit new lens to eligible person’s existing/own PLASTIC frame (each)  | $6.50 | TAXABLE |
| OP39 | Fit new lens to eligible person’s existing/own METAL frame (each)  | $7.75 | TAXABLE |
| OP41 | Spectacles Case | $2.75 | TAXABLE |
| OP37 | Sunglasses (to fit over existing spectacles) | $52.50 | TAXABLE |
| OP51 | Sunglasses clip on (flip-up or standard) | $17.70 | TAXABLE |
| OP69 | Postage – actual cost up to the maximum | $10.45 | TAXABLE |
| OP71 | Plano Sunglasses | $104.50 | TAXABLE |

**NOTES:**

1. Items OP38 and OP39 can only be claimed in conjunction with an item for new lenses.
2. Restrictions apply to items OP37, OP51, OP54, OP57 and OP71. Eligible persons may receive only one of these items in any two-year period.
3. Item OP37 should be claimed at list price without exceeding the maximum.
4. Postage item OP69 should be claimed at the actual cost (excluding GST) up to the maximum.
	1. **PRIOR FINANCIAL AUTHORISATION ITEMS**

Fee by negotiation with DVA (FBN). Use these items only when DVA has agreed to pay the full cost of a non-DVA schedule item due to the eligible person’s clinical need.

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP45 | Miscellaneous, GST-exempt item | FBN | EXEMPT |
| OP46 | Miscellaneous, GST-taxable item | FBN | TAXABLE |
| OP72 | Non-Schedule Lens | FBN | EXEMPT |
| OP73 | Non-Schedule Frame | FBN | TAXABLE |
| OP76 | Non-Schedule Prisms, including Fresnel | FBN | EXEMPT |

**NOTES:**

1. Restrictions apply to item OP71. Eligible persons may receive only one of items OP37, OP51, OP54, OP57 and OP71 in any two-year period.
2. OP72 and OP73 are available only where the eligible person has a clinical condition that can not be accommodated by schedule items at the DVA rates. These circumstances need to be discussed with DVA prior to the supply of the non-schedule item, and the fee negotiated with DVA should be considered to be full payment for the item (i.e. no co-payment).
3. When contacting DVA for prior approval of all items, DVA will require details of the prescription (if applicable) and the clinical justification for the item.
4. Prior approval can be sought by contacting DVA on **1300 550 457** (metropolitan callers) and **1800 550 457** (regional callers) and following the prompts.

**SCHEDULE 2—CONTACT LENSES AND CONSUMABLES**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **GST-Exclusive Price** | **GST Status** |
| OP75 | Contact Lens related consumables | List price | TAXABLE |
| OP79 | Tint for contact lenses (pair) | $27.50 | EXEMPT |
| OP80 | Soft Spherical (each) | $116.20 | EXEMPT |
| OP81 | Soft Spherical (pair) | $232.30 | EXEMPT |
| OP77 | Soft Spherical Disposable (each) (6 month supply) | $73.45 | EXEMPT |
| OP82 | Soft Toric (each) | $179.40 | EXEMPT |
| OP83 | Soft Toric (pair) | $358.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP78 | Soft Toric Disposable (each) (6 month supply) | $94.50 | EXEMPT |
| OP84 | Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Spherical (each) | $131.30 | EXEMPT |
| OP85 | Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Spherical (pair) | $262.75 | EXEMPT |
| OP86 | Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Toric (each) | $207.60 | EXEMPT |
| OP87 | Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Toric (pair) | $415.20 | EXEMPT |
| OP88 | Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Bitoric (each) | $232.40 | EXEMPT |
| OP89 | Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Bitoric (pair) | $464.90 | EXEMPT |

**NOTES:**

1. DVA accepts financial responsibility for contact lenses supplied to only eligible persons who have optical conditions as described in the *Medicare Benefits Schedule – Optometry Services* book. Contact lenses must not be prescribed in any other circumstances without DVA’s prior financial authorisation. DVA monitors servicing patterns against this requirement.
2. Eligible persons are entitled to be issued non-disposable contact lenses no more than two single items or one pair item once every twelve months OR disposable contact lenses no more than two single items once every six months.
3. Contact lenses must not be prescribed for reasons of eligible person preference.
4. Optometrists must prescribe an appropriate lens care system when prescribing contact lenses.
5. Consumables appropriate to the particular type of contact lenses prescribed must be supplied in reasonable quantities.
6. Consumables and tints are only able to be claimed using items OP75 and OP79 if contact lenses have been provided in the previous three years and claimed through DVA. In instances where there has been no provision of contact lenses through DVA arrangements in the previous three years, but where provision of consumables or tints is still appropriate, prior approval is necessary.
7. DVA monitors servicing patterns for contact lens consumables.

**SCHEDULE 3—LOW VISION AIDS**

Please note that all prices for low vision aids must be charged at list price, but not exceeding the maximum prices below.

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| **Item** | **Description** | **Max price without PFA4 (exc. GST)** | **GST Status** |
| OP63 | Frames for pin hole spectacles | $39.30 | TAXABLE |
| OP61 | Lenses for pin hole spectacles and prescribed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist (pair) | $41.95 | EXEMPT |
| OP90 | Stand magnifier/type etc. | $109.75 | TAXABLE |
| OP91 | Hand magnifiers/Pendant | $112.80 | TAXABLE |
| OP92 | Torch/Flashlight magnifiers | $128.40 | TAXABLE |
| OP93 | Head Band mounted magnifiers )Chest magnifiers )Embroidery magnifiers ) | $94.00 | TAXABLE |
| OP94 | Clip On lens system | $42.30 | TAXABLE |
| OP59 | Spectacle mounted telescopic aids e.g. mounted into the lens and forming part of the lens and prescribed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist | $253.70 | EXEMPT |
| OP95 | Other telescopic aids | $253.70 | TAXABLE |
| OP96 | Spectacle mounted magnifiers | $128.40 | TAXABLE |
| OP58 | Reading magnification devices [specifically designed (and intended) for the purpose of reading] | $131.3 | EXEMPT |
| OP97 | Lamps with magnification | $400.90 | TAXABLE |
| OP98 | Glare aids | $32.85 | TAXABLE |
| OP99 | Accessories for use with low vision aids, e.g. lap desks, single rail line guides, reading stands etc. | $62.65 | TAXABLE |

**NOTES:**

1. Ophthalmologists, optometrists, and authorised staff at low vision clinics, may prescribe low vision aids.
2. Low vision aids may be prescribed only if:

(a) the eligible person has had stable vision and ocular health over an extended period; and

1. no ocular surgery is scheduled for the eligible person.
2. You do not require prior financial authorisation (PFA) for a Schedule 3 item, if the list price does not exceed the above maximum price.
3. If the list price of an item exceeds the above maximum price, you may seek prior financial authorisation and negotiate an appropriate fee with DVA. Upper limits apply to fee-by-negotiation items.
4. When claiming payment, you must enter the brand name and price of the low vision aid supplied, on the claim form (Optometric/Optical Service Voucher – Form D1223).
5. DVA monitors servicing patterns for low vision aids.