



**Australian Government**  

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**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

# Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids

Effective 1 July 2023

# INTRODUCTION

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**Effective date** This pricing schedule is effective from 1 July 2023

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## Summary of changes to this schedule

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**Indexation** The fees for items in this schedule have been indexed in line with all medical and allied health services.

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**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.

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**Notes** The Notes can be found on the DVA website at:  
<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals>

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**New DVA contact numbers** The DVA contact details are as follows:  
**Telephone Number:** 1800 550 457 (Select Option 3, then Option 1)

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Postal address (for all States & Territories):  
**Health Approvals & Home Care Section**  
**Department of Veterans' Affairs**  
**GPO Box 9998**  
**BRISBANE QLD 4001**

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## 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](#). For more information about the online solutions available:

- DVA Webclaim\Technical Support enquiries: Phone: 1800 700 199 or email: [eBusiness@servicesaustralia.gov.au](mailto: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  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

**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.

### 1.8 SINGLE VISION LENS (scratch resistant acrylic)

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP01	Near Stock Lens (each)	\$27.65	EXEMPT
OP02	Near Stock Lens (pair)	\$55.30	EXEMPT
OP03	Near Grind Lens (each)	\$47.75	EXEMPT
OP04	Near Grind Lens (pair)	\$95.50	EXEMPT
OP05	Near Aspheric Lens (each)	\$51.95	EXEMPT
OP06	Near Aspheric Lens (pair)	\$103.90	EXEMPT
OP13	Distance Stock Lens (each)	\$27.65	EXEMPT
OP14	Distance Stock Lens (pair)	\$55.30	EXEMPT
OP15	Distance Grind Lens (each)	\$47.75	EXEMPT
OP16	Distance Grind Lens (pair)	\$95.50	EXEMPT
OP17	Distance Aspheric Lens (each)	\$51.95	EXEMPT
OP18	Distance Aspheric Lens (pair)	\$103.90	EXEMPT
OP19	Distance Photosensitive Stock Lens (each)	\$86.45	EXEMPT
OP20	Distance Photosensitive Stock Lens (pair)	\$172.90	EXEMPT
OP29	Distance Photosensitive Grind Lens (each)	\$105.00	EXEMPT
OP36	Distance Photosensitive Grind Lens (pair)	\$210.00	EXEMPT

**NOTE:**

1. Near lens items are restricted against OP54, OP56 and OP57.

## 1.9 MULTI VISION LENS (scratch resistant acrylic)

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP21	Bifocal Lens (each)	\$59.80	EXEMPT
OP22	Bifocal Lens (pair)	\$119.60	EXEMPT
OP23	Bifocal Aspheric Lens (each)	\$62.45	EXEMPT
OP24	Bifocal Aspheric Lens (pair)	\$124.90	EXEMPT
OP07	Bifocal Photosensitive Lens (each)	\$109.70	EXEMPT
OP08	Bifocal Photosensitive Lens (pair)	\$219.40	EXEMPT
OP25	Trifocal D28 Lens (each)	\$71.85	EXEMPT
OP26	Trifocal D28 Lens (pair)	\$143.70	EXEMPT
OP09	Trifocal Photosensitive Lens (each)	\$164.10	EXEMPT
OP10	Trifocal Photosensitive Lens (pair)	\$328.20	EXEMPT
OP27	Progressive Lens index <1.6 (each)	\$101.95	EXEMPT
OP28	Progressive Lens index <1.6 (pair)	\$203.90	EXEMPT
OP49	High Index (1.6 or greater) Progressive Lens (each)	\$136.80	EXEMPT
OP74	High Index (1.6 or greater) Progressive Lens (pair)	\$273.60	EXEMPT
OP11	Progressive Photosensitive Lens (each)	\$160.65	EXEMPT
OP12	Progressive Photosensitive Lens (pair)	\$321.30	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.

## 1.10 PRISMS

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP34	Grind Prisms (greater than 2.00 dioptres) (each)	\$12.85	EXEMPT
OP35	Grind Prisms (greater than 2.00 dioptres) (pair)	\$25.70	EXEMPT

### NOTE

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

## 1.11 LENS TREATMENTS

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP54	Tint applied as part of initial dispensing (each)	\$8.15	EXEMPT
OP57	Tint applied after spectacles dispensed or to clients' own spectacles (each)	\$8.15	TAXABLE
OP56	UV coating (each)	\$18.35	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.

## 1.12 FRAMES

### Primary frames

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP32	Plastic frames	\$61.70	TAXABLE
OP44	Metal frames	\$89.75	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.

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP64	Plastic co-payment frames	\$61.70	TAXABLE
OP65	Metal co-payment frames	\$89.75	TAXABLE

### 1.13 REPAIRS

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP60	Repair or replace temple/joint ( <i>incl. Postage</i> )	\$21.35	TAXABLE
OP62	Nose pads (each)	\$4.50	TAXABLE

### 1.14 MISCELLANEOUS

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP38	Fit new lens to eligible person's existing/own PLASTIC frame (each)	\$6.85	TAXABLE
OP39	Fit new lens to eligible person's existing/own METAL frame (each)	\$8.15	TAXABLE
OP41	Spectacles Case	\$2.90	TAXABLE
OP37	Sunglasses (to fit over existing spectacles)	\$55.25	TAXABLE
OP51	Sunglasses clip on (flip-up or standard)	\$18.65	TAXABLE
OP69	Postage – actual cost up to the maximum	\$11.00	TAXABLE
OP71	Plano Sunglasses	\$109.95	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.

### 1.15 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.

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

Item	Description	GST-Exclusive Price	GST Status
OP75	Contact Lens related consumables	List price	TAXABLE
OP79	Tint for contact lenses (pair)	\$28.95	EXEMPT
OP80	Soft Spherical (each)	\$122.30	EXEMPT
OP81	Soft Spherical (pair)	\$244.60	EXEMPT
OP77	Soft Spherical Disposable (each) (6 month supply)	\$77.35	EXEMPT
OP82	Soft Toric (each)	\$188.80	EXEMPT
OP83	Soft Toric (pair)	\$377.60	EXEMPT
OP78	Soft Toric Disposable (each) (6 month supply)	\$99.45	EXEMPT
OP84	Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Spherical (each)	\$138.20	EXEMPT
OP85	Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Spherical (pair)	\$276.40	EXEMPT
OP86	Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Toric (each)	\$218.50	EXEMPT
OP87	Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Toric (pair)	\$437.00	EXEMPT
OP88	Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Bitoric (each)	\$244.60	EXEMPT
OP89	Rigid Gas Permeable/Hard Bitoric (pair)	\$489.20	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.

Item	Description	Max price without PFA <sup>4</sup> (exc. GST)	GST Status
OP63	Frames for pin hole spectacles	\$41.40	TAXABLE
OP61	Lenses for pin hole spectacles and prescribed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist (pair)	\$44.15	EXEMPT
OP90	Stand magnifier/type etc.	\$115.50	TAXABLE
OP91	Hand magnifiers/Pendant	\$118.75	TAXABLE
OP92	Torch/Flashlight magnifiers	\$135.15	TAXABLE
OP93	Head Band mounted magnifiers ) Chest magnifiers ) Embroidery magnifiers )	\$98.95	TAXABLE
OP94	Clip On lens system	\$44.55	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	\$267.05	EXEMPT
OP95	Other telescopic aids	\$267.05	TAXABLE
OP96	Spectacle mounted magnifiers	\$135.15	TAXABLE
OP58	Reading magnification devices [specifically designed (and intended) for the purpose of reading]	\$138.20	EXEMPT
OP97	Lamps with magnification	\$421.95	TAXABLE
OP98	Glare aids	\$34.60	TAXABLE
OP99	Accessories for use with low vision aids, e.g. lap desks, single rail line guides, reading stands etc.	\$65.95	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
  - (b) no ocular surgery is scheduled for the eligible person.
3. You do not require prior financial authorisation (PFA) for a Schedule 3 item, if the list price does not exceed the above maximum price.

4. 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.
5. 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).
6. DVA monitors servicing patterns for low vision aids.