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**11/03/2004 LP:- Special Corrective Appliances required for work with VDUs (cost payable by Departments/Offices)**

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**To all Personnel Officers**

**Re: Special Corrective Appliances required for work with VDUs (cost payable by Departments/Offices)**

Dear Personnel Officer,

I refer to Circular 16/99: Special Corrective Appliances required for work with display screen equipment and visual display units, and in particular to the cost payable by Departments/Offices for these special corrective appliances. Circular 16/99 states the amount payable as £45 (€57.14).

Taking account of price increases since the publication of Circular 16/99, the amount payable for special corrective lenses for VDU users is now to be increased and Departments/Offices have sanction to recoup up to €69 (69 euro) to staff who have been prescribed these appliances by an optometrist.

In this context, an optometrist may recommend special corrective appliances with bifocals. Taking account of the extra cost of bifocals, Departments/Offices have sanction to recoup up to €115 (115 euro) for these appliances when they have been prescribed by an optometrist.

These increases for special corrective appliances for VDU users will apply from 1 March 2004.

Yours sincerely,

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