



**Ophthalmic  
Schedule  
Communications**

**August  
2021**

**Welcome** to the schedule  
communications, where you will find useful  
information and helpful tips!

## **PCA(O)(2021)09**

The Scottish Government have issued [PCA\(O\)\(2021\)09](#) which advises on the following:

- Update on physical distancing requirements in health and social care settings;
- Revised Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) guidance – environmental cleaning and waste disposal;
- Continuing Education and Training (CET) allowance for optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners (OMPs);
- Pre-registration trainee supervisor grant;
- Eyes.Scot website public beta launch;
- Community optometry practice poster.

## **Physical Distancing for Primary Care Providers**

The Scottish Government is currently reviewing the physical distancing requirements for health and social care settings in Scotland. In the meantime, until and unless further notified, all primary care providers should continue to follow the current guidance relating to physical distancing measures.

# Continuing Education and Training (CET) Allowance

A [digital application form](#) is now available to claim for the 2020 [Continuing Education and Training \(CET\) allowance](#).

To make your claim, please complete the form and use your eOphthalmic Personal Identification Number (PIN) to submit it. If you do not have a PIN please complete the [PIN request form](#) and [email](#) it to us for processing.

This information will be transferred and stored securely and only used for this application.

If you do not meet the criteria (or appear based on the information available not to meet the criteria), an automatic email will be sent to advise you. Please check the submission against the full criteria, available in [PCA\(O\)\(2021\)09](#), amend any errors in the form and resubmit it.

If you meet the criteria but you receive an email advising this is not the case please send an email to the following address for advice on how to proceed:

[nss.psdgospayteam@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.psdgospayteam@nhs.scot)

A separate claim must be made for each eligible person, and must be received by us by Sunday 31 October 2021.

## Claim cut-off dates

### August paid September Schedule

Electronic Thursday 9 September 2021 5pm

Post (HES forms only) Tuesday 31 August 2021 5pm

Telephone: 0131 2756200 Email: [NSS.psdophthalmic@nhs.scot](mailto:NSS.psdophthalmic@nhs.scot)

Website: [nss.nhs.scot/ophthalmic-services](https://nss.nhs.scot/ophthalmic-services)