



# Ophthalmic Schedule Communications

November  
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2025

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

**Access the schedule close dates and payment timescales [here](#)**

**December paid January 2026 cut-off date: Monday 12 January 2026 at 5pm**

## **PCA(O)2025(08)**

This PCA advises on the Full Implementation of General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) Specialist Supplementary service (GOS-SS).

## **GOS Specialist Supplementary (GOS-SS) 24 November – 18 January Application Process**

From 19 January 2026, Independent Prescriber (IP) optometrists and Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners (OMPs) who wish to provide GOS Specialist Supplementary (GOS-SS) eye examinations must be approved by each Health Board they wish to provide GOS-SS in.

Between 24 November 2025 and 18 January 2026, **a single application** to provide GOS-SS under all Health Boards required can be made.

For more details, and to access the application form, please follow the link below to the [www.eyes.nhs.scot](http://www.eyes.nhs.scot) website: [Supplementary Eye Examinations](#)

We would urge you to review the [guidance document](#), which includes a helpful checklist, before submitting your application. Incorrect applications will be returned to you.

## Reminder: Ophthalmic Clinician Data Access (OCDA)

You will be aware that the Scottish Government has funded the development of a new application hosted on the TURAS system – Ophthalmic Clinician Data Access (OCDA).

This application, which launched on 24 September 2025, enables clinicians to access relevant data held about them by Health Boards in relation to General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) and the Community Glaucoma Service (CGS).

The OCDA will provide clinicians with the means to submit data change requests to Health Boards on a system-to-system basis, including:

- Personal details (title, name)
- Private address details
- Contact details (personal telephone number(s), non-NHS email address)
- Host Health Board (the Health Board in which the clinicians carry out the majority of their GOS activity)
- (For clinicians on Part 1 of a Health Board's Ophthalmic List) Whether or not the clinician provides GOS in domiciliary locations from the practice premises that they are associated with

Some of the above data change requests will be automatically approved and then applied in the National Primary Care Clinician Database (NPCCD). Others, such as name and Host Health Board, will require the relevant Health Board(s) to review the change request in NPCCD and then approve or reject it.

**All clinicians with an NHS email account are asked to participate in this process as soon as possible after the OCDA invitation email has been sent to them**

### Action required by clinicians after OCDA account creation and sign-in

After you have created an OCDA account and signed in (see [PCA\(O\)2025\(06\) paragraphs 14–17](#) for further guidance on account creation and sign-in), review the data displayed and submit one of the two declarations:

- the data is accurate and thus no changes are required; or
- at least one data change is required.

**Where the second declaration is made, clinicians are asked to ensure these data change requests are submitted as soon as possible. Once any data change requests have been made and you are satisfied that the data displayed is now accurate, you must submit a further declaration to that effect**

Detailed OCDA guidance for clinicians is available on the [eyes.nhs.scot](https://eyes.nhs.scot) website.

## Practitioner Services Website

[Our website](#) is designed to help you find useful information. You can access information and guidance on important areas, including [claims and allowances](#), [eSchedule reports](#), and [schedule close and payment dates](#).

We update our website regularly and invite you to please take time to familiarise yourself with the information that is available.

If you have any suggestions for any improvements or changes to the information that is available to you, please email us at [nss.psdophthalmic@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.psdophthalmic@nhs.scot)

## Helpdesk Festive Opening Hours

Date	Helpdesk opening times
Monday 22 December 2025	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 23 December 2025	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 24 December 2025	8.30am – 12:00pm
Thursday 25 December 2025	Closed
Friday 26 December 2025	Closed
Monday 29 December 2025	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 30 December 2025	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 31 December 2025	8.30am – 12:00pm
Thursday 1 January 2026	Closed
Friday 2 January 2026	Closed

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Visit [Scotland's national website for eyecare services and eye health information – For the public For professionals](#)

