

Ophthalmic Schedule Communications

**September
paid October
2026**

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

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

October paid November 2026 cut-off date: 5PM Wed 11 November

[PCA\(O\)2026\(07\)](#)

This PCA advises on:

- an update on the Foundation Training Year of the Master's optometry undergraduate degree;
- updated SCI Gateway forms for referrals from primary care optometry to the Hospital Eye Service;
- SCI Gateway access for optometrists on Part 2 of a Health Board's Ophthalmic List;
- clarification in relation to the circumstances in which a special facial characteristics supplement can be prescribed and claimed on a NHS optical voucher;
- clarification that a NHS optical voucher can be used towards the cost of purchasing sports glasses/goggles;
- a new 'Providing services for NHS Scotland' logo that primary care contractors, including primary care optometry, can use provided that such use complies with the NHS Scotland brand guidelines
- remuneration increases for GOS and proposed increases for the CGS;
- an increase to the pre-registration trainee optometrist supervisor grant amount, and the claims process for trainee optometrists taken on by a supervisor on or after 1 April 2026;

- the details for optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners eligible to claim a CPD allowance for appropriate CPD they have undertaken in the 2025 calendar year.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) allowance

Claims for CPD will continue to be processed through the Digital Webform hosted on the eOphthalmic system. This form is open **between 12 October 2026 and 29 January 2027 inclusive**.

Practitioners are advised to submit their CPD allowance claim well in advance of the deadline.

Please see our detailed [CPD instructions](#) on how to submit your claim.

Please also take the time to read [PCA\(O\)2026\(07\)](#) which covers the CPD allowance eligibility criteria and claim process.

If you do not have an eOphthalmic account yet, please visit [this page](#) to access all the relevant details and forms to apply for an account. Please note that if access to eOphthalmic is required only for CPD, you will need to state this within the email containing the form.

If you already have an eOphthalmic web form account, you will use the same eOphthalmic log on details to access and submit the new CPD allowance claim form. If you have an account but are unable to log on to the eOphthalmic system (e.g. your account is locked) please contact the Ophthalmic Helpdesk by emailing nss.psdophthalmic@nhs.scot or telephone 0345 034 2458.

Please note that if you have not signed in to eOphthalmic in more than 3 months your password may have expired. If this is the case, please sign in to <https://eophthalmics.mhs.scot.nhs.uk/> to set a new password.

If your claims are submitted automatically via your Practice Management System (PMS), you must set up a user account for the eOphthalmic system to be able to access and submit the new CPD allowance claim form. We would advise that you complete and submit the relevant application forms now. Further information on how to do this can be found on [this page](#).

To access the claim form, please log in via the following web address:
<https://digitalwebforms.mhs.scot.nhs.uk>.

CPD allowance claims received by PSD Scotland after Friday 29 January 2027 will not be accepted.

All HES(S)3 Vouchers to be submitted digitally

The functionality to submit HES(S)3 vouchers electronically was added to the eOphthalmic platform as part of the Changes to Digital Data Submission in 2025. This was announced in [PCA\(O\)2025\(04\)](#).

From the October-paid-November 2026 schedule, we will **no longer accept paper HES(S)3 forms**. All HES forms must be sent electronically through the eOphthalmic payments system. Any HES forms received from the October-paid-November 2026 will be returned to the practice by mail for re-submission digitally.

Minimum Data Set and Associated Clinical Guidance for Assessments

The CGS CGG has published a Minimum Data Set and Associated Clinical Guidance for Assessments document.

This has been created to support:

- Uniformity of data across the national service
- Assurance of minimum standards for the service
- To aid development of a CGS pathway within the electronic patient record (OpenEyes)
- To aid national clinical audit

The document sets out the data to be captured as part of initial and return primary CGS assessments and supplementary CGS assessments. It does not replace clinical judgement and accredited clinicians should carry out all examinations that they feel are appropriate for the assessment of the registered patient.

The guidance can be accessed here: [Minimum Data Set and Associated Clinical Guidance for Assessments](#)

CGS Practitioner Profiles now live

We are pleased to announce the CGS Practitioner Profile Reports are now available. You can access your report by logging onto **primarycarereporting.mhs.scot.nhs.uk** using your personal NHS email and password. You may be prompted to complete multi-factor authentication (MFA) to verify your identity.

These Practitioner Profile reports provide a range of benefits, allowing providers and clinicians to access comprehensive profiling reports detailing CGS activity, and engage in full self-reflection and benchmark data against peers.

Please note that you can only access these reports using a secure NHS connection.

Depending on your role, you will be able to access the following reports:

CGS Accredited Provider Profile Reports

This report allows Accredited Providers (APs) to compare their data against Scotland-wide AP benchmarks for the same reporting period. It includes insights on:

- Patient registrations
- Claimed clinical conditions
- Patient age ranges
- Deregistration activity

Step-by-step instructions are available [on this page](#).

CGS Accredited Clinician Profile Reports

This report allows Accredited Clinicians (ACs) to compare their CGS assessment activity with Scotland-wide AC averages for the same reporting period. It details total assessments by:

- Clinical condition
- Assessment type
- Primary assessment outcomes
- Supplementary assessment outcomes

Step-by-step instructions are available [on this page](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the customer services team at nss.psdophthalmic@nhs.scot

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