

## Vision Care Fee Schedule Information and Authorization Form Change

The Ontario Works (OW) Vision Care Benefit provides assistance to eligible individuals with the purchase of optical goods and services from eye care professionals. Coverage of vision care benefits is limited to basic eyewear and replacements. This schedule sets out allowable amounts for lenses and frames for those eligible for eyeglasses under the York Region OW Vision Care Benefit.

Payments provided by York Region will not exceed the amounts shown in the *MCSS Vision Care Fee Schedule* and requests submitted for items not included in the *MCSS Vision Care Fee Schedule* will not be authorized.

### MCSS VISION CARE FEE SCHEDULE CODES/RATES (2014)

ITEM	MCSS Maximum Amount Payable	Code
<b>Lenses</b>		
<b>Single Vision</b>		
Single Vision CR39 with Scratch Resistant Coating (both sides)	\$68.50	001
Single Vision Polycarbonate with Scratch Resistance Coating	\$76.50	002
<b>Bifocal Lenses</b>		
CR39 - Bifocals with Scratch Resistant Coating (both sides)	\$94.50	003
Polycarbonate - Bifocals with Scratch Resistant Coating	\$123.00	004
<b>PALS/Trifocals Lenses</b>		
CR39 - PALs with Scratch Resistant Coating (both sides)	\$205.50	005
Polycarbonate PALs with Scratch Resistant Coating	\$243.00	006
Trifocal CR-39 with Scratch Resistant Coating	\$132.00	007
Trifocal Polycarbonate with Scratch Resistant Coating	\$171.00	008
<b>Additions</b>		
High Sphere Power (10.00D - 16.00D) - additional cost	\$39.75	009
High Cylinder Power (over 6.00D) - additional cost	\$32.25	010
Prism (up to 10Δ) - additional cost	\$27.50	011
High Reading addition (+4.25D to +6.00D) - additional cost	\$60.00	012
Solid Lens Tints - additional cost	\$21.50	013
Gradient Lens Tints - additional cost	\$25.50	014
Photochromic Tints (Transitions, Colormatic etc) - additional cost	\$105.00	015
Re-edging client's own lenses into a new frame	\$20.00	016



ITEM	MCSS Maximum Amount Payable	Code
<b>Frame and Case</b>		
Frame	\$42.20	017
Case	\$2.00	018

## Appendix 1 - High Index Lenses

### High Index Lenses

High index lenses are available for those with high refractive corrections (having a dioptric value of 8 dioptres or higher). High index lenses are to be ordered with the appropriate coatings (Scratch Resistant and Anti-Reflective).

ITEM	MCSS Maximum Amount Payable	Code
Single Vision 1.67	\$300.50	019
Bifocal 1.67	\$388.50	020
PALS 1.67	\$461.00	021

### Frequency and Limits

All eligible beneficiaries may receive new lenses and frames every 3 years, when necessary. (See below for further information).

Children may receive new lenses anytime there is a change in prescription.

### Lenses

Basic single vision lenses will be plastic (either CR-39 or polycarbonate) with scratch resistant coating on both inner and outer surfaces.

Basic multifocal lenses will be plastic progressive addition lenses (either CR-39 or polycarbonate) with scratch resistant coating on both inner and outer surfaces.

Straight Top (ST) bifocal lenses will be available for eligible beneficiaries who have an established preference or special needs that require the use of ST bifocal lenses.

### High Index Lenses

High index lenses are available for those with high refractive corrections (having a dioptric value of 8 dioptres or higher). High index lenses are available as single vision, bifocal or progressive addition lenses. High index lenses are to be ordered with the appropriate coatings (Scratch Resistant and Anti-Reflective).



See Appendix 1 – High Index Lenses for a list of high index lenses for the MCSS Vision Care Fee Schedule.

## Tints

Lens tints will only be covered when they are prescribed by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist for medically necessary eye or vision conditions.

## Frames

Frames are subject to the maximum amount as indicated in the schedule. A client may choose a more expensive frame and pay the difference in cost directly to the supplier.

Service providers may wish to request the funds from the client for upgraded frames in advance of delivering the service.

## Replacement Lenses and Frames

### Replacement of Lenses Due to Change in Prescription

Lens Replacements are not a standard benefit but rather based on need. If the replacement period (3 years) has been achieved, there must still be evidence of a change in correction before replacement is covered.

If the replacement period has not been met, adults may receive new lenses only when there is a significant change in prescription.

A significant change in prescription is defined as a change in refractive error of not less than 0.5 diopter to the sphere or cylinder power, or a change in axis equal to or greater than:

- 20 degrees for a cylinder power of 0.50 diopters or less;
- 10 degrees for a cylinder power of more than 0.50 diopters but not more than 1.0 diopter
- 5 degrees for a cylinder power of more than 1.0 diopter.

Prescribers are required to indicate, on the prescription, that a significant change in prescription has occurred when requests for new lenses are being made, or Beneficiaries will be required to submit a Significant Change Vision Care Form.

Children may receive new lenses anytime there is a change in prescription.

**Note:** The new lenses should be placed in existing frames if the existing frames are satisfactory. If the existing frames are not satisfactory, new frames may be provided.

