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One-page bulletin
on CET funding
in Scotland and
Wales

Made your CET claim? - October deadline looms for optometrists in Scotland and Wales

The Scottish Executive and Welsh Assembly Government have issued claim forms for optometrists in Scotland and Wales respectively to claim their CET funding for 2006.

The payment in respect of CET undertaken in the year to 31 December 2006 is £436.

Claims in both countries must be submitted by 31 October 2007 - late claims will not be accepted.

The payment is due to -

- (a) optometrists, other than a corporate optician; and
- (b) ophthalmic medical practitioners, who conduct only sight tests and have no other remunerated medical employment such as hospital work or general practice), who were on the ophthalmic list of a NHS Board or Local Health Board (LHB), or assisted a contractor in the provision of General Ophthalmic Services, for at least six months in the relevant year and have maintained their professional registration.

In other words, to claim you must be an optometrist who has provided GOS for at least six months in 2006 and who carried out CET during 2006.

That CET must have been GOC approved but there is no requirement for it to have been paid CET. The CET funding is for your time, not for the cost of the CET. The payment is for having undertaken appropriate continuing education and training.

Claims in Scotland

- Claims from eligible optometrists and OMPs for a CET payment must be made in writing

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October 2007**

to Practitioner Services of NHS National Services, Scotland and be made by contractors—someone on the main ophthalmic list—whether the contractor is claiming for him/herself or an assistant.

Claims in Wales

- Claims from eligible optometrists and OMPs for a CET payment must be made in writing to their LHB (or where appropriate the Business Services Centre) and be made by contractors whether the contractor is claiming for him/herself or for an assistant.

Payments must be made to contractors. Arrangements for payments to assistants are a matter for agreement between contractors and assistants and not a matter for the NHS.

The guidance and claim forms can be found on the AOP website at:

www.aop.org.uk/conference/1123082921.html



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