



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 10**

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PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 25th day of June 1990

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 116 and 132 of the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title, commencement, and application**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 10, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of August 1989, and shall apply to laboratory diagnostic services

\*S.R. 1981/327

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1983/84  
 Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1985/42  
 Amendment No. 3: *(Revoked by S.R. 1986/274)*  
 Amendment No. 4: *(Revoked by S.R. 1987/149)*  
 Amendment No. 5: *(Revoked by S.R. 1987/246)*  
 Amendment No. 6: *(Revoked by S.R. 1990/46)*  
 Amendment No. 7: S.R. 1988/183  
 Amendment No. 8: *(Revoked by S.R. 1990/46)*  
 Amendment No. 9: S.R. 1990/46

provided on or after that date. In respect of laboratory diagnostic services provided before that date, the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if these regulations had not been made.

**2. Goods and services tax**—Regulation 8A of the principal regulations (as inserted by regulation 4 of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 9) shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of August 1989 in respect of the fees set out in the Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 3 of these regulations).

**3. New Schedule to principal regulations**—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 6 (1) of the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 9), and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) Regulation 6 of, and the Schedule to, the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 9 are hereby consequentially revoked.

(3) The revocation effected by subclause (2) of this regulation shall not affect the validity of the payment of any fee made under the principal regulations (as amended by the Social Security (Laboratory Diagnostic Services) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 9) on or after the 1st day of August 1989.

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## SCHEDULE

## NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

## "SCHEDULE

## PART I

## SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
BIOCHEMISTRY TESTS			
BA	BIOCHEMISTRY, ADRENAL TESTS		
BA1	Cortisol, serum .. .. .	7.53	3
BA2	Cortisol, (stimulation or suppression tests) .. .. .	22.61	1
BA3	Catecholamines, 24 hr. urine .. .. .	7.53	1
BA4	Vanilylmandelic acid, 23 hr. urine .. .. .	7.53	1
BA5	Urine free cortisol .. .. .	7.53	1
BE	BIOCHEMISTRY, ELECTROLYTE TESTS		
BE1	Sodium, serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BE2	Potassium, serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BE3	Sodium and Potassium, serum .. .. .	6.83	1
	(a) BE1 Sodium, serum		
	(b) BE2 Potassium, serum		
BE4	Chloride, serum .. .. .	2.82	1
BE5	Sodium, 24 hr. urine .. .. .	3.77	1
BE6	Potassium, 24 hr. urine .. .. .	3.77	1
BE7	Sodium and Potassium 24 hr. urine .. .. .	6.83	1
	(a) BE5 Sodium, 24 hr. urine		
	(b) BE6 Potassium, 24 hr. urine		
BE8	Calcium, serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BE9	Calcium, 24 hr. urine .. .. .	3.77	1
BEA	Phosphate, serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BEB	Magnesium, serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BEC	Magnesium, urine .. .. .	3.77	1
BF	BIOCHEMISTRY, FAECES TESTS		
BF2	Faecal fat (quantitative) .. .. .	7.53	1
BF3	Occult blood .. .. .	0.94	3
BF5	Faecal reducing substances .. .. .	3.43	4
BG	BIOCHEMISTRY, GLUCOSE TESTS		
BG1	Glucose, serum .. .. .	3.43	3
BG2	Fructosamine or glycosylated protein .. .. .	3.43	1
BG3	Glucose Tolerance Test standard .. .. .	25.66	1
BG4	Glucose Tolerance Test post-polyucose screen .. .. .	10.78	1
BH	BIOCHEMISTRY, HAEMOPOIETIC TESTS		
BH1	Ferritin, serum .. .. .	8.55	1
BH2	Transferrin, serum .. .. .	7.53	1
BH3	Iron binding capacity, serum .. .. .	7.53	1

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Code	Description	Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$	Maximum Number
BH4	Iron, serum .. .. .	7.53	1
BH5	Vitamin B12, serum .. .. .	7.53	1
BH6	Folate, serum .. .. .	7.53	1
BH7	Folate, red cell .. .. .	7.53	1
BL	BIOCHEMISTRY, LIPID TESTS		
BL1	Cholesterol total, serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BL3	Triglycerides, fasting only .. .. .	3.77	1
BL4	Fasting lipid group test .. .. .	9.05	1
	(a) BL1—Cholesterol total		
	(b) HDL		
	(c) LDL		
	(d) BL3—Triglycerides, fasting		
BL5	Lipoproteins, electrophoresis, serum	3.77	1
BM	BIOCHEMISTRY, MONITORING TESTS FOR DRUGS		
BM1	Digoxin .. .. .	9.41	1
BM2	Lithium .. .. .	3.77	1
BM3	Antiepileptics .. .. .	9.41	6
BM4	Theophylline .. .. .	8.55	1
BP	BIOCHEMISTRY, PROTEIN TESTS		
BP1	Proteins total, serum .. .. .	1.88	1
BP2	Albumen, serum .. .. .	1.88	1
BP3	Protein electrophoretic pattern, serum	3.77	1
BP4	Electrophoresis concentrated urine	17.38	1
BP5	Immunoglobulins (IgA, IgE, IgG, or IgM) .. .. .	2.82	4
BP6	Immunoelectrophoresis for Bence-Jones protein .. .. .	43.46	1
BP7	Proteins, 24 hr. urine .. .. .	1.88	1
BR	BIOCHEMISTRY, RENAL TESTS		
BR1	Creatinine, serum .. .. .	3.43	1
BR2	Urea, serum .. .. .	3.43	1
BR3	Urate or uric acid, serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BR5	Urinary calculus analysis .. .. .	3.77	1
BR8	Creatinine, 24 hr. urine .. .. .	3.46	1
BR9	Creatinine clearance test .. .. .	6.83	1

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<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
BS	BIOCHEMISTRY, BLOOD GAS ASSAYS		
BS1	Bicarbonate or total CO <sub>2</sub> , serum .. .. .	3.77	1
BS2	pH, pO <sub>2</sub> , and pCO <sub>2</sub> .. .. .	15.40	1
BT	BIOCHEMISTRY, THYROID TESTS		
BT1	Thyroid stimulating hormone, serum (TSH) .. .. .	8.55	1
BT2	Free thyroxine index or free T <sub>4</sub> .. .. .	8.98	1
BT3	Serum free T <sub>3</sub> .. .. .	7.53	1
BU	BIOCHEMISTRY, UNCATEGORISED TESTS		
BU1	Hydroxy-indoleacetic acid (Serotonin)	7.53	1
BV	BIOCHEMISTRY, LIVER TESTS		
BV1	Bilirubin total, serum .. .. .	3.43	1
BV2	Bilirubin total, conjugated and unconjugated serum .. .. .	6.83	1
BV4	Alcohol, diagnostic purposes only .. .. .	7.53	1
BV9	Liver function screen .. .. .	17.96	1
	(a) BV1 Bilirubin total		
	(b) BZ5 Alkaline phosphatase		
	(c) BZ2 Aspartate amino transferase (AST)		
	(d) BZ8 Alanine amino transferase (ALT)		
	(e) BP1 + BP2 Protein (Total, albumin and globulin)		
	(f) BZ6 Gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT)		
BX	BIOCHEMISTRY, REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM TESTS		
BX1	Chorionic Gonadotrophin screen, including pregnancy tests (HCG)	7.53	1
BX2	Chorionic Gonadotrophin screen plus quantitative (HCG) .. .. .	15.08	1
BX3	Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)	7.29	1
BX4	Luteinising hormone (LH) .. .. .	7.29	1
BX7	Prolactin, serum .. .. .	9.47	1

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<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
BZ	BIOCHEMISTRY, ENZYME TESTS		
BZ1	Amylase . . . . .	3.43	1
BZ2	Aspartate amino transferase, serum (AST) . . . . .	3.77	1
BZ3	Creatine (Phospho) kinase, serum (CK)	3.77	1
BZ4	Acid phosphatase, serum . .	3.77	1
BZ5	Alkaline phosphatase, serum . .	3.77	1
BZ6	Gamma glutamyl transferase, serum (GGT) . . . . .	3.77	1
BZ7	Myocardial screen . . . . .	8.98	1
	(a) BZ2 Aspartate amino transferase (AST)		
	(b) BZ3 Creatine (Phospho) kinase (CK)		
	(c) BZ9 Creatine kinase isoenzyme (CK-MB), if indicated		
BZ8	Alanine amino transferase (ALT) . .	3.77	1
BZ9	Other enzymes where specifically requested . . . . .	3.77	
BZP	Acid phosphatase (prostatic) . .	3.77	1
	CYTOLOGY AND MORBID HISTOLOGY		
C10	Cytological examination of cervical smears (per accession) . . . . .	13.03	1
C20	Cytological examination of smears from other sites (per accession) . .	15.06	1
C30	Cytological urgent examination of smear taken during surgery, extra	56.38	1
C40	Cytological examination of fine needle aspiration taken and examined by pathologist . . . . .	56.38	1
C50	Histology (per accession) . . . . .	46.89	1
C80	Histology—frozen section during surgery, extra . . . . .	56.38	1
	DIAGNOSTIC IMMUNOLOGICAL AND SEROLOGICAL TESTS		
D01	Skin tests, immediate hypersensitivity	3.77	10
D12	Tuberculin skin test . . . . .	2.82	1

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<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
D14	Other skin tests for cell mediated immunity .. .. .	2.82	
D15	Auto-immune disease, anti-nuclear antibody .. .. .	5.64	2
D16	Auto-immune disease, anti-nuclear antibody titre .. .. .	5.64	1
D17	Auto-immune disease, thyroid .. .. .	3.77	2
D19	Autoantibodies, other .. .. .	5.64	
D20	Rheumatoid factor—Rose Waaler test .. .. .	3.77	2
D21	C-reactive protein test .. .. .	.94	1
D22	Antistreptococcal antibodies .. .. .	3.77	3
D23	Paul-Bunnell (or equivalent) .. .. .	5.64	1
D24	Syphilis—VDRL or other reagin test .. .. .	1.88	1
D25	Syphilis—specific antibody test .. .. .	1.88	1
D26	Syphilis—confirmatory specific antibody test .. .. .	5.64	1
D31	Hydatids antibody .. .. .	3.77	2
D32	Leptospira agglutination screen test .. .. .	7.53	1
D33	Leptospira specific antibody test .. .. .	3.77	8
D34	Brucella antibodies .. .. .	3.77	3
D35	Toxoplasma antibodies, IgG, paired sera only .. .. .	3.77	2
D36	Toxoplasma antibodies, IgM titre .. .. .	3.77	
D40	Rubella antibodies—immune status .. .. .	5.23	1
D41	Rubella antibodies—titre, paired sera only .. .. .	3.77	2
D42	Hepatitis B—(Anti HBs) antibody .. .. .	11.36	1
D43	Hepatitis B—(HBsAg) surface antigen .. .. .	3.77	1
D50	Salmonella agglutination tests .. .. .	1.88	5
D60	CM virus, specific antibody titre, paired sera only .. .. .	3.77	2
D70	Chlamydia direct antigen test .. .. .	17.71	1
D71	Rotovirus direct antigen test .. .. .	22.24	1
D72	Herpes virus direct antigen test .. .. .	22.24	1
HAEMATOLOGY TESTS			
H01	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) .. .. .	1.88	1
H02	Platelet count .. .. .	3.43	1
H03	Bleeding time .. .. .	.94	1
H04	Thrombin time .. .. .	1.88	1

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<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
H05	Clot retraction . . . . .	.94	1
H06	Plasma prothrombin ratio . . . . .	5.64	1
H07	Partial thromboplastin clotting time . . . . .	4.71	3
H08	Fibrinogen screening . . . . .	1.88	1
H09	Fibrinogen (quantitative) . . . . .	3.77	1
H10	Coagulation factors individual assays . . . . .	3.77	
H15	Coagulation screen . . . . .	18.66	1
H19	Red blood cell inclusion bodies . . . . .	3.43	3
H20	Antihuman globulin test including Coombs test . . . . .	1.88	2
H22	Lupus erythematosus cells (LE cells) . . . . .	3.77	1
H31	Red blood cell fragility . . . . .	5.72	3
H32	Red blood cell autohaemolysis . . . . .	7.53	1
H33	Red cell or white cell enzyme . . . . .	3.77	
H34	Donath-Landsteiner reaction . . . . .	1.88	1
H40	Haemoglobin pigments—qualitative . . . . .	1.88	
H41	Haemoglobin pigments—quantitative . . . . .	3.77	
H50	Bone marrow aspirate—(per site, not per slide) . . . . .	37.56	
H60	Blood grouping A.B.O. group . . . . .	.94	1
H61	Blood grouping—Rhesus—group . . . . .	.94	1
H62	Blood grouping—Rhesus—titre . . . . .	3.77	1
H63	Blood grouping—Rhesus—phenotyping . . . . .	3.77	1
MICROBIOLOGY TESTS			
M01	Swab, skin/wound/pus . . . . .	22.24	
M02	Swab, throat . . . . .	15.40	1
M03	Swab, ear . . . . .	22.24	2
M04	Swab, nasal . . . . .	17.09	2
M05	Swab, peri-anal . . . . .	23.96	1
M06	Swab, vaginal . . . . .	23.96	1
M07	Swab, cervical . . . . .	23.96	1
M08	Swab, urethral . . . . .	23.96	1
M09	Swab, eye . . . . .	18.82	2
M10	Swab, rectal for sexually transmitted diseases . . . . .	23.96	1
M11	Enteric pathogens (faeces or rectal swab) . . . . .	34.23	1
M15	Ova and cysts . . . . .	3.43	1
M16	Aspirates, culture and sensitivities . . . . .	23.96	



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<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee (Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) \$</i>	<i>Maximum Number</i>
M17	Blood culture .. .. .	27.37	3
M18	Sputum (excluding tuberculosis) ..	23.96	1
M19	Other, culture, sensitivities and identification .. .. .	22.24	
M20	Mycology—skin .. .. .	15.40	
M21	Film—examination for malaria, filaria, and/or gonococci .. .. .	1.88	
M22	Film (concentrated) examination for filaria .. .. .	3.77	
M25	Seminal fluid—fertility .. .. .	6.83	1
M26	Seminal fluid—post vasectomy .. ..	5.14	1
M30	Tuberculosis—sputum .. .. .	20.54	1
M31	Tuberculosis—gastric aspirate .. ..	20.54	1
M32	Tuberculosis—urine .. .. .	20.54	1
M33	Tuberculosis—other sites .. .. .	20.54	
SCREENING TESTS			
S01	Complete blood count (CBC) .. .. .	9.41	1
	(a) RBC		
	(b) WBC		
	(c) Hb		
	(d) MCV		
	(e) Leukocyte differential and/or blood film		
S02	First antenatal screening .. .. .	22.26	1
	(a) S01 Complete blood count		
	(b) S04 Antenatal antibodies		
	(c) H60 Blood grouping, A.B.O. series		
	(d) H61 Blood grouping, Rhesus group		
	(e) D24 Syphilis—VDRL or other reagin test		
	(f) D40 Rubella antibodies, immune status		
	(g) D43 Hepatitis B (HBsAg) surface antigen		
S03	Antenatal subsequent screens .. ..	12.05	1
	(a) S01 Complete blood count		

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	(b) S04 Antenatal antibodies		
S04	Antenatal antibodies, including Coombs test .. .. .	4.52	1
S05	Neonatal screen .. .. .	11.72	1
	(a) —Hb		
	(b) —PCV		
	(c) —Blood film		
	(d) H20 Antihuman globulin test (Coombs)		
	(e) BV1 Bilirubin total		
	(f) H60 Blood grouping, A.B.O. series		
	(g) H61 Blood grouping, Rhesus group		
S06	Urinalysis screen tests (“routine”) ..	16.27	1
	(a) Glucose		
	(b) Protein		
	(c) Microscopy (if indicated)		
	(d) Bacterial culture and colony count		
	(e) Antimicrobial sensitivities (if indicated)		

## PART II

## GROUP TESTS

Code Reference: BE3, BE7, BV9, BZ7, H15, S02, S03.”

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations increase, by 4.2 percent, the fees payable by the Department of Health for laboratory diagnostic services provided on or after 1 August 1989.

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