

## **Unvalidated References:**

*Dental Charges Act 1969*

*Public Hospitals (Charges) Act 1972*

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**INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

Chapter 104.

***Dental Charges Regulation 1969***



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### ***Dental Charges Regulation 1969***

MADE under the *Dental Charges Act 1969*.

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#### 1. **INTERPRETATION.**

In the Regulation, unless the contrary intention appears—

“**child**”, in relation to a person, includes an adopted child, a step-child and an ex-nuptial child of the person;

“**family**” means a household consisting of a man, his wife and dependent children under the age of 21 years, or any of them;

“**gross family income**”, in relation to a member of a family, means the total of the chargeable incomes of all the members of the family;

“**in-patient**” means a patient who occupies a bed in a ward of a public hospital;

“**major operation**” means an operation performed by a consultant dental officer or a specialist dental officer;

**“minor operation”** means an operation other than a major operation;

**“public hospital”** means a hospital declared to be a public hospital under the *Public Hospitals (Charges) Act 1972*.

## 2. APPLICATION.

This Regulation applies only to and in respect of dental services supplied—

- (a) at the institutions or centres specified by the Head of State, acting on advice, by notice in the National Gazette for the purposes of this Regulation; and
- (b) outside such institutions or centres by a dental officer employed by the State.

## 3. FEES GENERALLY.

<sup>1</sup>(1) Subject to this Regulation, the fee to be paid to the State by a person for a dental or other service specified in the second column of Schedule 1 supplied to that person by or on behalf of the State is the fee specified in the third column of that Schedule in relation to the service.

(2)<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Where a person’s gross family income does not exceed K7,000.00 per annum, the fees specified in Schedule 2 apply in respect of the services specified in that Schedule.

(3) Before charging a fee by reference to Schedule 2 the person responsible for calculating the amount of the fee payable may require such evidence (if any) as he considers desirable as to the amount of the gross family income of the person concerned.

(4) A person aggrieved by a decision that his gross family income exceeds K5,000.00 may appeal to a District Court or Local Court.

(5) A fee of K5.00 may be charged where a patient fails to keep an appointment.

## 4. CERTAIN SERVICES FREE.

No fee is payable under this Regulation in respect of dental services supplied to a pupil enrolled in the School Dental Service.

## 5. FEES FOR SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

(1) Subject to Subsection (2), where two or more operations referred to in Part IV of Schedule 1 or 2 are performed on an in-patient at a public hospital, the amount to be charged under this Regulation is the sum of—

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<sup>1</sup> Section 3 amended by No. 37 of 1977, s1.

<sup>2</sup> Section 3(2) amended by *Dental Charges (Amendment) Regulation 1994* (No. 17 of 1994), s1.

<sup>3</sup> Section 3(2) amended by *Dental Charges (Amendment) Regulation 1994* (No. 17 of 1994), s1.

- (a) the full amount of the charge for that one of the operations for which the highest fee is chargeable under the relevant Schedule; and
- (b) 50% of the charge for that one of the operations for which the second highest fee is chargeable under that Schedule; and
- (c) 25% of the amount of the fee chargeable under that Schedule for each of any remaining operations.

(2) Where the total charge under Subsection (1) does not come to a multiple of 5t the amount chargeable is the next highest multiple of 5t.

**6. AFTER-CARE.**

In the case of an in-patient at a public hospital, the prescribed fee for an operation referred to in Part IV of Schedule 1 or 2 includes the fee for after-care.

**7. ANAESTHETICS.**

No fee is payable for the administration of a local anaesthetic in connection with any dental service.

**8. WAIVER OF FEES.**

The Minister or a person authorized by him for the purpose may, at any time, in his discretion, waive payment of the whole or any part of an amount payable under this Regulation.

**9. RECOVERY OF FEES.**

An amount payable under this Regulation may be recovered by the State as a debt.

SCHEDULE 1 – <sup>4</sup>FEEES UNDER SECTION 3(1).

ITEM	SERVICE	Reg. Sec. 3(1). FEE K.
1.	Consultations (Routine or Emergency) includes - initial and revision Examinations	10.00
	Routine prophylaxis	25.00
	Emergency extraction of teeth	15.00
	Sedative dressings	10.00
2.	X-ray each	
	Intra Oral	5.00
	Extra Oral	8.00
3.	Fillings (General)	
	(a) Amalgom-simple/cavity	15.00
	-complex/cavity	20.00
	(b) Composites-simple/cavity	20.00
	-complex/cavity	25.00
	(c) Glass Ionomer-simple	15.00
	-complex	20.00
	(d) Fissure Sealant/tooth	20.00
4.	Root canal therapy	
	single root	25.00
	multiple roots	60.00
5.	Oral Surgery General	
	(a) Includes simple and complex extraction of teeth irrespective of anaesthetic charges:-per extraction.	15.00
	(b) Minor Surgical procedures under local anaesthetics	25.00
	Apisectomy/Replants per tooth.	25.00
	Injections simple per operation.	15.00
	Fractures simple eyelet wiring for fixation operation	25.00

<sup>4</sup> Schedule 1 replaced by No. 37 of 1977, s2; repealed and replaced by *Dental Charges (Amendment) Regulation 1994* (No. 17 of 1994), s2.

	(c) Minor soft tissue and alveolar bone injury for suturing and splints per operation	25.00
6.	Oral Surgery Specialist and major	
	(a) General Anaesthesia and Hospitalised are chargeable under <i>Public Hospital Charges Act 1972</i>	20.00
	(b) Major Operations under general anaesthesia	
	Complex impactions	40.00
	Intraosseous wiring	60.00
	Maxillo-facial cases	100.00
	Splintings	40.00
7.	Dentures (false teeth)	
	(a) Acrylic base dentures	85.00
	full upper	85.00
	full lower	160.00
	full upper and lower	35.00
	partial upper	35.00
	partial upper and lower	60.00
	(b) Chrome-Cobalt or metal base (excluding technical cost)	90.00
	(c) Titanium base dentures	200.00
	(d) Relining per Unit	15.00
	(e) Repairs per Unit	10.00
	(f) Remodelling per Unit	20.00
8.	Crown and Bridge Works (excluding technical cost)	
	(a) Inlays/onlays per Unit	60.00
	(b) Gold crowns per Unit	60.00
	(c) Porcelain crowns per Unit	80.00
	(d) Bridges Single Unit saddle	100.00
	(e) Bridges Single Unit additional saddles	60.00
	(f) Bridges multiple Units saddle	250.00
	(g) Cementations for crowns and bridges	10.00

9.	Orthodontic treatment	
	(a) Serial extractions	20.00
	(b) Occlusal Equilibrations	15.00
	(c) Appliances, braces (excludes material cost)	60.00
	(d) Mouth/bite guards	40.00
10.	Miscellaneous Services	
	(a) Medical (Dental Reports)	50.00
	(b) Medical (Dental Examinations)	25.00

SCHEDULE 2 – <sup>5</sup>FEE S UNDER SECTION 3(2).

ITEM	SERVICE	FEE K	Reg. Sec. 3(2).
1.	Consultation (routine or emergency) Includes Initial and Revision Examinations	2.50	
	Scaling and polishing teeth	8.00	
	Extraction of teeth	3.00	
	Sedative dressings	2.50	
2.	X-ray-Intra Oral each	1.00	
	Extra Oral each	3.50	
3.	Fillings (General)		
	(a) Amalgam-simple each	2.50	
	complex each	3.50	
	(b) Composites-simple each	3.00	
	complex each	4.00	
	(c) Glass Ionomer-simple each	1.50	
	complex each	2.50	
	(d) Fissure Sealeant each tooth	2.50	
4.	Root Canal therapy		
	Single root	7.00	
	Multiple each root	6.00	
5.	Oral Surgery-General Includes		
	(a) Simple and complex extraction of teeth		
	Simple	2.50	
	Complex	3.50	
	(b) Impacted teeth per operation	4.00	
	(c) Apisectomy/Replants per operation	6.00	
	(d) Simple fractures including soft tissues and alveolar bone splints and wiring	15.00	

<sup>5</sup> Schedule 2 replaced by No. 37 of 1977, s2; replaced by *Dental Charges (Amendment) Regulation* 1994 (No. 17 of 1994), s3.

ITEM	SERVICE	FEE K
6.	Oral Surgery-major and specialised operations including those under general anaesthesia and Hospitalized	
	Complex Impactions	15.00
	Intra osseous wiring	20.00
	Cunning full or partial splints	20.00
	Maxillo facial cases	20.00
7.	Dentures (False teeth)	
	(a) Acrylic base dentures	18.00
	partial upper	18.00
	partial lower	18.00
	partial upper and lower	30.00
	full upper	17.00
	full lower	17.00
	full upper and lower	34.00
	(b) Metal base dentures (excludes technical cost)	
	partial upper	60.00
	partial lower	60.00
	partial upper and lower	110.00
	(c) Titanium base dentures	
	full upper	90.00
	full lower	90.00
	full upper and lower	160.00
	(d) Repair of dentures per Unit/tooth addition	7.00
	(e) Relining dentures per Unit	8.00
	(f) Remodelling dentures per Unit	10.00
8.	Crown and Bridge work (excludes technical fees)	
	(a) Inlays and onlays per Unit	20.00
	(b) Crowns-Gold per Unit	40.00
	Porcelain per Unit	60.00

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ITEM	SERVICE	FEE K
	(c) Bridges-Per Unit bridge	80.00
	per additional Unit	120.00
	multiple Units each	180.00
	(d) Cementations of crowns and bridges	10.00
9.	Orthodontic treatment	
	(a) Serial extraction of teeth	10.00
	(b) Occlusal Equilibration	8.00
	(c) Appliances/braces (excludes materials cost)	25.00
	(d) Mouth/bite guards	15.00
10.	Miscellaneous Services	
	(a) Medical (Dental) Reports	25.00
	(b) Medical (Dental) Examination	12.00

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