

## Optical Services

Many people are housebound and require eye-care, but do not know that they are entitled to a free eye test in their home.

### Who is entitled to a free eye test?

Patients in any of the following categories are entitled to a free NHS sight test:

- People aged 60 or over
- Those registered as blind or partially sighted
- Diagnosed diabetics
- Those receiving tax credit
- Glaucoma sufferers, or their relatives over the age of 40

Spectacles are completely free of charge to those people and their partners, who receive:

- Income support
- Disable persons tax credit
- Working families tax credit
- DSS exemption certificate (HC2/HC3) (excluding partners)

### Who is entitled to a free home eye test and spectacles?

People who fulfil one of the conditions mentioned above and are housebound.

**Please note** - Rose Optical Services also undertake private home visits for a nominal fee

Patients may also qualify for partial help towards the cost of spectacles if they are on low income. Our trained staff provides all the necessary forms and give advice on how to apply for assistance towards the cost of a sight test and spectacles.

### Why is it so important to test the eyes on a regular basis?

1. Elderly patients are particularly vulnerable to disabling eye conditions, especially:
  - Glaucoma
  - Cataracts
  - Macular Degeneration
  - Diabetes

Regular eye tests detect these diseases early. Early treatment can significantly improve the vision and prevent blindness.

2. Eye conditions of elderly patients change very fast. Small improvement in vision cause large improvement in the quality of life.

## About Rose Optical Services

Rose Optical Services are dedicated domiciliary eye care providers to housebound people. The Company, Rose Optical Services, was established in 1962. The chairman, Stuart Rose F.C Optom FSMC, realised that the people who most needed an eye test were those least able to visit a practice. He decided to take care of them. Almost half a century later, Rose Optical Services remains a family organisation. We have expert teams of optical professionals providing essential on-site eye care to housebound patients across the UK.

## How do the Rose Optical opticians work?

### Retinoscopy and Auto Refraction

A technique used to assess the spectacle prescription. An optician uses an instrument that shines a special light into the eye and observes the movement and focus.

### Ophthalmoscopy

A technique used to detect disabling eye conditions such as: cataracts, glaucoma, senile macula degeneration and retinal detachment.

### Tonometry

A technique used to diagnose glaucoma. An optician uses an instrument that measures eye's internal pressure.

### Field of vision test

A technique to establish the width of vision a Patient has.

## Can Non-Responsive Patients benefit from an eye test?

Certainly. Techniques are available that require a little cooperation to obtain a valuable result.

## Rose Optical Services Free Eye Care includes:

- Full vision test
- Comprehensive eye-health check
- Spectacles where necessary
- Specialist eye care professionals
- Delivery and fitting spectacles by trained staff
- Frame engraving and labelling systems
- Spectacle repair and replacement
- Aftercare
- Referrals

Should you have any questions, please contact Rose Optical Services at 0800 731 0031 or [visit the Rose Optical website](#)