

Eye examination guidance | Minimum intervals between eye examinations

1
year

- Children under 16;
- Adults 60 or over;
- Patients with glaucoma;
- Adults 40 or over with a close family history of glaucoma (father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter);
- Patients with ocular hypertension;
- Diabetics.

2
years

- Patients 16 and over, and under 60.

Need an early re-examination?

Use the following codes, where appropriate, when a patient is seen within the minimum period for an eye examination:

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- Patient is new to practice; **and**
- The optician or ophthalmic medical practitioner does not have access or means to access the patient's records.

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- Patient turned 16, resulting in change in frequency between primary eye examinations from 1 to 2 years.

For more help on using code 8, please use:

'Early re-examination guidance - When should I use early re-examination reason code 8?'

Invalid early re-examination codes may result in payments being delayed. We will continue to monitor the early re-examination reason codes using our Payment Verification procedures.