



## Eyes and eyesight testing for DSE (Display Screen Equipment) users

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Eye tests for DSE (Display Screen Equipment) users and employers' responsibilities

Legally all employers have to fund an eye tests for DSE users and cover the cost of glasses if they are needed.

The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations apply to workers who use DSE every day, for more than an hour at a time. It applied to users whether they at a fixed workstation, home workers and those on the road. There is no evidence that working on a screen causes permanent damage to the eyes but long periods of use can lead to:

- Tired eyes
- Dry eyes
- Discomfort
- Headaches

Screen work can be visually demanding so can make people aware of problems with their eyesight which they have not noticed before.

### **Glasses for DSE work**

Employers only have to pay for glasses for DSE work if they are required solely for screen work and only if the employee's own day-to-day glasses are not sufficient for the task.

It is up to the employer how they provide the eye test. For example, they could decide to let employees to arrange the tests and reimburse them for the cost or they could send all their DSE users to one optician.

Finding the right corporate eyecare supplier is important; they must be able to offer a consistent level of service and be trusted by the company and the employees. The Specsavers Corporate Eyecare service users a voucher system and can provide an eye examination and pair of glasses for as little as £17 per person. Beyond financial savings, regular eye tests can help identify signs of otherwise symptomless conditions, such as glaucoma or high blood pressure.

With employer-funded eye care available for most employees, it is important that the benefits are communicated to staff and that they are aware of their entitlement, not only so they can claim but that the scheme is run cost-effectively.

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