

**WELCOME TO EYE ASSOCIATES NORTHWEST  
CONTACT LENS DEPARTMENT**

**In 1994, the Vision Care Consumer Assistance Act passed in the State of Washington changed the rules governing the release of prescriptions for contact lenses. We have prepared this notice to help clarify these changes for you.**

Shortly, you will be going in to see a contact lens practitioner who will perform certain tests. These tests are NOT part of your routine eye examination, and many insurance companies DO NOT COVER the costs of these tests. In order to evaluate the effects of wearing contact lenses and your corneal health, your physician has asked for these tests. We must do these tests in order to prescribe new lenses, or give you a clean bill of health for continued wearing of your contact lenses.

If you choose to have your contact lenses evaluated elsewhere, then your doctor will give you a glasses prescription that has the notation "OK for Contacts". You can take this prescription anywhere to have your contacts evaluated and fit. If you need a contact lens prescription, you must be evaluated and fit again before a final contact lens prescription can be given. These steps are required by the 1994 Vision Care Consumer Assistance Act passed in the State of Washington.

The cost of the contact lenses themselves are NOT included in the fitting or evaluation. A contact lens prescription, (by Washington State Law RCW 18.195.900), does not exist until you have seen the practitioner for a follow-up visit with the prescribed contacts on your eyes and the practitioner deems the fitting is complete. It is the patient's responsibility to make and keep appointments. Please be sure to **wear** your contacts in to the follow-up appointment. You have 30 days to pick up contacts after notification. After 30 days, if they have not been picked up, they will be returned to the manufacturer and a restocking fee will incur. The fee for this is as follows:

Restocking fee:	\$25.00
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In the event that your contact lens fitting is unsuccessful or you decide not to pursue contact lens wear, only the cost of stock contacts will be refunded. In other words, custom-made (hard) lenses cannot be refunded. Fees for services (fitting, evaluation, and training) are non-refundable. To receive a refund on the contacts, they must be returned within 30 days of the order and in good condition. Disposable contact lenses that come in boxes must be unopened for refund. The following are the charges for contact lens services:

Routine evaluation:	\$65.00-\$80.00
Extended evaluation:	\$80.00-\$100.00
Special fittings	\$150.00-\$200.00
Extended special fittings:	\$200.00-\$250.00
Topography	\$60.00

**I have read the above policies regarding contact lenses. I agree to be responsible for any charges incurred not covered by my insurance.**

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**Signature of patient**

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**Date**

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**Patient's Name (please print)**

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