

# Children and Social Work Act 2017

## **2017 CHAPTER 16**

## PART 2

SOCIAL WORKERS ETC IN ENGLAND

#### Fees and grants

## 50 Fees

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations confer power on the regulator to charge fees in connection with—
  - (a) registration or continued registration in a register mentioned in section 39;
  - (b) assessing whether a person meets a professional standard relating to proficiency as mentioned in section 41(4);
  - (c) approval or continued approval in accordance with a scheme mentioned in section 43.
- (2) The regulator is responsible for setting the level of fees in accordance with any provision made by the regulations.
- (3) Before determining the level of any fee the regulator must—
  - (a) consult any persons they consider appropriate, and
  - (b) obtain the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (4) The regulations may authorise fees to be set at a level that exceeds the cost of the things in respect of which they are charged.
- (5) But the regulations must require the level of any fees to be set with a view to ensuring that, so far as possible, the regulator's fee income does not exceed its expenses (taking one year with another).
- (6) Regulations under this section may include provision about the collection and recovery of fees.

(7) The regulations must require the regulator to pay any fee income to the Secretary of State unless the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Treasury, directs otherwise.

## 51 Grants

- (1) The Secretary of State may make grants to the regulator.
- (2) A grant under this section may be made subject to any conditions the Secretary of State thinks are appropriate.