

Draft Order laid before the Assembly under Article 47(2) of the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, Article 37(2) of the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and Section 157(3) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 for approval by resolution of the Assembly

DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No.

REGISTRATION OF VITAL EVENTS

General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

Laid before the Assembly in draft

Made - - - - 2012

Coming into operation 3rd December 2012

The Department of Finance and Personnel makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 47(1) and (2) of the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976⁽¹⁾, Articles 3(3)(b), 19(1)(a), 35(3), 36(1)(b) and (3) and 37 of the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003⁽²⁾, and Section 157(1) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004⁽³⁾.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 3rd December 2012.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽⁴⁾ shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Fees payable

2. The fee payable under a statutory provision specified in column 1 of the Schedule in respect of the matter specified in relation to it in column 2 shall be the fee specified in relation to it in column 3.

Revocation

3. The General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010^(e) is hereby revoked.

(1) [S.I. 1976/1041 \(N.I. 14\)](#); Article 47(1) was amended by section 22 of [2011 c. 20 \(N.I.\)](#) and Article 47(2) was amended by paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to [S.I. 1999/663](#)
(2) [S.I. 2003/413 \(N.I. 3\)](#)
(3) [2004 c. 33](#)
(4) [1954 c. 33 \(N.I.\)](#)
[S.R. 2010 No. 409](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 2012.



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A senior officer of the
Department of Finance and Personnel

SCHEDULE

Article 2

FEES PAYABLE

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|--|---|--|--|
| <i>Statutory Provision</i> | <i>Service</i> | <i>New Fee</i> | <i>Old Fee</i> |
| | | <i>£ p</i> | <i>£ p</i> |
| Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (N.I. 14) | | | |
| Article 34(3) and (4) | General search of indexes (to include 2 verifications) | 14.00 (4.00 for each further verification) | 14.00 (4.00 for each further verification) |
| | Particular search | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| | Certified copy of any entry in a register | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 37(5) | Recording under Article 37(3) or (4), change of name or surname | 35.00 (16.00 for second or subsequent members of the family) | 35.00 (16.00 for second or subsequent members of the family) |
| Article 37(4C) ^(a) | Individual notification of a change of name or surname | 8.00 | |
| Article 38 | Search in a register in a registrar's office | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| | Certified copy of entry in a register | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 40 ^(b) | Short Birth Certificate: | | |
| | First copy issued at time of registration of the birth | Nil | Nil |
| | Particular search | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| | Any copy issued thereafter | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 40 | Still-Birth Certificate: | | |
| | First copy issued at time of registration of the still-birth | Nil | |

(a) Paragraph (4C) was inserted by section 16 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(b) As amended by section 18 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(c) Article 40A was inserted by section 11 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(d) Article 40B was inserted by section 19 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(e) Article 35A was inserted by section 24 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(f) Section 155A was inserted by section 24 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

Draft Legislation: This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a Northern Ireland Statutory Rule: General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 No. 443

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| | Particular search | 7.00 | |
| | Any copy issued thereafter | 8.00 | |
| Article 40A ^(c) | Short Death Certificate: | | |
| | First copy issued at time of registration in relation to the death of an infant child under 1 year old when birth and death are registered simultaneously | Nil | |
| | Particular search | 7.00 | |
| | Any copy issued thereafter | 8.00 | |
| Article 40B(3) ^(d) | Individual notification of a birth or death registration | 8.00 | |
| Article 42(1) | For the purposes of the enactments specified in Schedule 1 to that Order but not the Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (N.I. 13) or Friendly Societies Act 1974 (c. 46) | | |
| | Certified copy of an entry | 8.00 | 6.00 |
| | For the purposes of the Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 and the Friendly Societies Act 1974 | | |
| | Certified copy of an entry | 8.00 | 6.00 |
| Article 42(3) | Furnishing information for the purposes of any enactment specified in Schedule 1 to that Order | 8.00 | 6.00 |
| Civil Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (2011 c.20) | | | |

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| Section 30 | Commemorative copy of birth, death, marriage or civil partnership entry | 40.00 | |
| Section 31 | Entry in Record of Northern Ireland Connections register under Section 31(2) (to include copy of entry) | 40.00 | |
| | Search of indexes | 7.00 | |
| | Document relating to an entry in the Record of Northern Ireland Connections | 8.00 | |
| | General search of index (to include 2 verifications) | 14.00 (4.00 for each further verification) | |
| Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (N.I 3) | | | |
| Article 3(3)(b) | Marriage notice | 22.00 | 20.00 |
| Article 19(1)(a) | Solemnisation of a civil marriage | 36.00 | 33.00 |
| Article 35(3)(a) | Search of indexes | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| Article 35(3)(b) | Document relating to an entry in a marriage registration record | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 35A(3) ^(e) | Individual notification of a marriage registration | 8.00 | |
| Article 36 | Document relating to the registration of marriages for the purposes of any prescribed statutory provision | 8.00 | 6.00 |
| Article 37 | General search of indexes (to include 2 verifications) | 14.00 (4.00 for each further verification) | 14.00 (4.00 for each further verification) |

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| Article 37 | Attendance by the registrar at his Office on Monday-Friday after 5pm or Saturdays 9am-5pm for the purpose of solemnising a civil marriage | 126.00 | 116.00 |
| Article 37 | Attendance by the registrar at his Office on a Sunday, a Bank Holiday or a Saturday after 5pm for the purpose of solemnising a civil marriage | 180.00 | 165.00 |
| Article 37 | Waiving of Marriage Notice Period (excluding death bed notice period) | 22.00 | 20.00 |
| Civil Partnership Act 2004 (2004 c.33) | | | |
| Section 139(2)(b) | Civil Partnership notice | 22.00 | 20.00 |
| Section 155(3)(a) | Search of indexes | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| Section 155(3)(b) | Document relating to an entry in a civil partnership registration record | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Section 155A(3) ^(f) | Individual notification of a civil partnership registration | 8.00 | |
| Section 156(1) | Document relating to the registration of civil partnerships for the purposes of any prescribed statutory provisions | 8.00 | 6.00 |
| Section 157(1)(b) | Registration of civil partnership | 36.00 | 33.00 |
| Section 157(1)(b) | General search of indexes (to include 2 verifications) | 14.00 (4.00 for each further verification) | 14.00 (4.00 for each further verification) |
| Section 157(1)(b) | Attendance by the registrar at his Office on Monday-Friday after 5pm or Saturdays 9am-5pm for the purpose of registering a civil partnership | 126.00 | 116.00 |

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the increase of various fees payable under the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 relating to searches in registers, the provision of certificates, change of name services, the provision of commemorative certificates, the individual notification of registration events and entries in the Record of Northern Ireland Connections. It also provides for the increase of various fees payable under the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 relating to giving notice for intended marriage, the solemnisation of civil marriage and providing marriage certificates. It also provides for the various fees payable under the Civil Partnership Act 2004 relating to giving notice for intended civil partnership, the registration of civil partnership and providing civil partnership certificates.

This Order revokes and replaces the General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010