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## LAND REGISTRY

## Land Registry (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 14th February 1977

Coming into operation . . . . . 1st April 1977

The Department(a) of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Public Offices Fees Act 1879(b) and now vested in it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Land Registry (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1977.

(2) In these Regulations—

“fee” includes any fee payable to the Registry for the purposes of the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act 1891(d) and any fee payable to the Registry in connection with the Statutory Charges Register and the registration of any statutory charge;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Titles;

“Registry” means the Land Registry of Northern Ireland;

“transaction” has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 2(1).

*Collection of fees*

2.—(1) Except where otherwise provided in these Regulations, the fees payable to the Registry shall be payable at the time when the application dealing or request to which the fee relates (in these Regulations referred to as “a transaction”) is presented in the Registry.

(2) Every fee shall be paid in cash or by means of a banker’s draft, money order, postal order or cheque drawn to the order of the Land Registry of Northern Ireland.

(3) Where fees are paid by cheque, the transaction shall not be completed, except with the consent of the Registrar, until due time has been allowed for the cheque to be cleared and, if the cheque is not honoured, the transaction shall be cancelled.

(4) Where the amount of any fee payable in respect of any transaction cannot immediately be ascertained, the transaction may proceed—

(a) on payment on account of the fees payable, of a fee of 50p, or such other fee as the Registrar shall direct, and

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1879 c. 58

(c) See Assignment of Functions Notification, Belfast Gazette 7.6.1921 and S.R. & O. 1922 No. 80 Art. 11. (Rev. vol. XVI, p. 982)

(d) 1891 c. 66

(b) on lodgment of an undertaking in writing to pay on demand the balance of the fee due.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 14th February 1977.

(L.S.)

J. Y. Malley

Assistant Secretary

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

By virtue of the Land Registry (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 fees in the Land Registry (including fees in connection with the Statutory Charges Register) are now payable in money. These Regulations provide for payment in cash or by means of banker's draft, money order, postal order or cheque. They also provide for a transaction to be cancelled on the dishonouring of a cheque and for payment of sums on account of fees where the total amount cannot immediately be ascertained.