

1989 No. 230

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989

Made 20th June 1989

Coming into operation 1st August 1989

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 98(1) and 100(1) of the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1989.

Amendment of fees

2. For Schedule 2(c) to the Friendly Societies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972(d) there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE 2 regulation 17

Scale of fees payable for the inspection, or the furnishing of copies, of documents in the custody of the registrar or in connection with the exercise by the registrar of any of his functions under the Act.

Note: Where appropriate, previous fees are shown in brackets.

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1. For the acknowledgment of registration of a society	290	(275)
2. For the acknowledgment of registration of a branch	110	(100)
3. For the registration of an annual return:		
where it relates to a society	50	(45)
where it relates to a branch	17.50	(15)

(a) 1970 c. 31 (N.I.) to which there are amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations
(b) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4
(c) As substituted by S.R. 1988 No. 266
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 248

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4. For the registration of a copy of a special resolution:		
(1) where the special resolution relates to an amalgamation or a transfer of engagements and the society passing it has:		
(a) not more than 100 members	55	(50)
(b) more than 100 members but not more than 500	80	(75)
(c) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000	100	(95)
(d) more than 1,000 members	130	(120)
(2) where the special resolution relates to a conversion	130	(120)
5. For the appointment of an inspector or calling of a special meeting by the registrar under section 76 of the Act	145	(135)
6. For the registration of an instrument of dissolution or alteration therein where the society or branch has:		
(a) not more than 100 members	55	(50)
(b) more than 100 members but not more than 500 ...	80	(75)
(c) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000	100	(95)
(d) more than 1,000 members	130	(120)
7. For the reference of a dispute to the registrar	10	(7·50)
8. For the determination of the registrar on a dispute or for the award of the registrar for dissolution where the matter is settled without a hearing or upon one hearing without an adjournment	35	(31)
9. Where on a dispute or on an application for an award of dissolution more than one hearing is required or where the hearing is adjourned:		
the same fee as where the matter is settled upon one hearing without adjournment and in addition for every hearing after the first and for every adjournment	35	(31)
10. On every direction of the registrar for the division or appropriation of the assets of a society or branch:		
where the value of the assets is £1,000 or less, 18 per cent. of that value;		
where the value of the assets exceeds £1,000, £180 with an additional £10 for every £100 or part thereof in excess of £1,000.		

11. Where application is made for an investigation into the affairs of a society or branch with a view to an award of dissolution thereof, an additional fee shall be paid as follows:
where the number of members is—
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| (a) not more than 150 | 395 | (370) |
| (b) more than 150 but not more than 250 | 520 | (490) |
| (c) more than 250 but not more than 350 | 645 | (605) |
| (d) more than 350 but not more than 500 | 775 | (730) |
| (e) more than 500 but not more than 700 | 1,170 | (1,100) |
| (f) more than 700 but not more than 1,000 | 1,560 | (1,465) |
| (g) more than 1,000, £1,515 (£1,430) for the first 1,000 members and £295 (£275) for every 500 members, or part thereof, exceeding 1,000 members, subject to a maximum fee of £2,990 (£2,700). | | |
12. For every inspection on the same day of documents on the file kept by the registrar under regulation 16 (that is to say the file containing the registered rules and annual returns of a society or branch with other documents required to be filed thereon) relating to the same society or branch 3·20 (3)
13. For a photocopy or extract of any document on a file kept as aforesaid, 15p per photocopied sheet.
14. For a document certified as a true copy of a document on a file kept as aforesaid:
where the copy so certified is not made by the registrar, £3·20 (£3) for the examination of the first page of such a copy and for every additional page or part page 50p;
where a photocopy is prepared by the registrar, 15p per photocopied page.
15. A fee shall not be payable in respect of the examination or authentication of copies of rules or any amendment of rules to be used for recording under regulation 5 of the Friendly Societies (Great Britain Societies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(a), or for the signature of the registrar upon such recording.”

Revocation

3. The Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 20th June 1989.

(L.S.)

R. G. Smartt

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.R. 1988 No. 266

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations supersede the Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988.

The Regulations generally increase by between 5% and 13% the fees to be paid for matters transacted under the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 and for the inspection of documents in the custody of the registrar of friendly societies. However there have been higher percentage increases in the fees for the registration of an annual return of a branch of a society (17%) and for the reference of a dispute to the registrar (33%). In addition the fee for a direction of the registrar for the appropriation or division of the assets of a society or branch has been restructured. Where the value of the assets is £1,000 or less the fee is now 18% of that value and where the value of the assets exceeds £1,000 the fee is £180 with an additional £10 for every £100 or part thereof in excess of £1,000. Formerly where the value of the assets was less than £600 the fee was 22% of that value and where the value of the assets was £600 or more the fee was £130 with an additional £8 for every £100 or part thereof in excess of £600.

The fees payable for the acknowledgment of registration of an amendment of rules, for the acknowledgment of registration of a notice of change in the situation of a registered office, for a receipt issued in respect of a notice of appointment of a trustee and for the registrar's signature on any document required to be signed by him not chargeable with any other fee, have all been omitted.