

1995 No. 133

TRADE UNIONS

**Certification Officer (Fees) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1995**

Made 29th March 1995

Coming into operation 30th April 1995

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(4), 6(2) and 80(1) of the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and as respects regulations 4 to 7 with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Certification Officer (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 30th April 1995.

(2) In these Regulations, “the Order” means the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

Fees payable to the Certification Officer

2. An application made under Article 5(3) of the Order for the entry of the name of any organisation of workers or of employers whenever formed, whose name is not entered in the relevant list maintained by the Certification Officer shall be accompanied by a fee of £50.

3. An application made by a trade union under Article 6(1) of the Order for a certificate of independence shall be accompanied by a fee of £720.

4. In respect of an application by a trade union or unincorporated employers’ association under Article 74(4) of the Order for approval by the Certification Officer of an instrument of amalgamation or transfer, a fee of £950 is hereby prescribed.

5. In respect of an application by a trade union or unincorporated employers’ association under Article 79(2) of the Order for approval by the Certification Officer of a change of its name, a fee of £50 is hereby prescribed.

6. As respects the inspection of documents kept by the Certification Officer under Part X of the Order, a fee of £35 is hereby prescribed.

(a) S.I. 1992/807 (N.I. 5); see Article 2(2) for the definitions of “the Department” and “regulations”

7. In respect of the entry of the name of an amalgamated union or of an amalgamated unincorporated employers' association in the relevant list maintained by the Certification Officer under Article 5 of the Order where the name of each of the amalgamating unions or unincorporated employers' associations as the case may be is already so entered under the provisions of that Article, a fee of £50 is hereby prescribed.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 29th March 1995.

(L.S.)

D. Gibson

Under Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves regulations 4 to 7.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 29th March 1995.

(L.S.)

D. W. Thomson

Assistant Secretary

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the fees payable to the Certification Officer under the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

The following fees have been increased:

- (a) the fee on application by any trade union or employers' association whether incorporated or unincorporated to have its name entered in the relevant list of trade unions or of employers' associations maintained by the Certification Officer is increased from £45 to £50 (regulation 2).
- (b) the fee payable on an application by a trade union for a certificate of independence is increased from £305 to £720 (regulation 3).

The Regulations also prescribe for the first time fees for the following purposes:

- (a) a fee of £950 is payable on application by a trade union or unincorporated employers' association for approval of a proposed instrument of amalgamation or transfer (regulation 4).
- (b) a fee of £50 is payable on application for approval of a change of name of a trade union or of an unincorporated employers' association (regulation 5).
- (c) a fee of £35 is payable for an inspection of documents kept by the Certification Officer (regulation 6).
- (d) a fee of £50 is payable for the entry of the name of an amalgamated union or unincorporated employers' association in the relevant list of trade unions or of employers' associations maintained by the Certification Officer where the name of each of the amalgamating unions or unincorporated employers' associations is already entered in the relevant list (regulation 7).