
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 178

COUNTY COURTS

**The County Court Fees (Amendment)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1997**

Made - - - - - *19th March 1997*
Coming into operation *1st April 1997*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 116(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(1), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice and with the concurrence of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1997.

Fees to be taken in proceedings in county courts

2. For Schedule 1 to the County Court Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(2) there shall be substituted the new Schedule 1 set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Dated 19th March 1997.

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(1) 1978 c. 23
(2) S.R. 1996 No. 103

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We concur,

Dated 19th March 1997.

Richard Ottaway
Roger Knapman
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury

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SECTION I

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Fees to apply in respect of proceedings not otherwise specifically provided for in any subsequent section of this Schedule

Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
1	On any affidavit	No fee
2	On an attendance of an officer to produce records (in addition to the officer's expenses) for each day or part thereof	£13·00
3	On a bond or recognizance	£5·00
4	On a case stated	£45·00
5	On a certificate of taxation of costs	£11·00
6	On a certificate by a court officer (inclusive of search)	£9·00
7	On a civil bill, application or notice claiming (whether on foot of a contract or tort or by virtue of any enactment or otherwise) a sum of money or goods or chattels or any combination thereof of a value—	
	not exceeding £500	£80·00
	exceeding £500 but not exceeding £2,000	£105·00
	exceeding £2,000	£115·00
8	On a civil bill in an ejectment action	£100·00
9	On any other civil bill	£100·00
10	On a third party notice	the same fee as on the civil bill in the action
11	On a counterclaim or set-off where the amount thereof—	
	does not exceed £500	£45·00

Note:

- (1) In the application of item 7 to proceedings under the Judgments (Enforcement) (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 the fee on an Enforcement Civil Bill shall be the same as is payable on a civil bill for the amount claimed; and on a Committal Civil Bill shall be the same as for a civil bill for the amount of the instalment.
- (2) The fees prescribed above at item 7 and 11 and at item 21 cover all necessary copies for service, entries in the Office and all notices of application to the Judge or to the District Judge, and all other notices (not otherwise specifically provided for) filed in the Office during the course of the action or matter and before final judgment.

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Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
	exceeding £500 but does not exceed £2,000	£53·00
	exceeds £2,000	£58·00
12	On a copy of any document filed or any record kept in the office (including comparison) — per page	£2·50
13	On a comparison of a document filed in the Office — per page	£2·50
14	On a decree, award, judgment, order or dismiss (other than an interlocutory order)	£50·00
15	On an interlocutory order, including an order for payment out of, or transfer or investment of, funds in court	No fee
16	On a Certificate of Readiness	£22·00
17	On a notice of appeal to a county court (not otherwise provided for)	£40·00
18	On a notice of application to the Judge for payment of funds out of court	£5·00
19	On any notice or other document in an application to the Accountant General for payment out or transfer of funds and securities in court	No fee
20	In any proceedings under the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, under that Order as modified by the Parental Orders (Human Fertilisation and Embryology) Regulations 1994 or under section 30 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990	£40·00

Note:

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21	On a notice, petition, summons or other form of application (not otherwise provided for) initiating any proceedings	£70·00
22	On a notice of application for a review by the Judge	£25·00
23	On any other notice of application to the Judge or to the District Judge (not otherwise exempted)	£30·00
24	On a notice of lodgment of money in court	£10·00
25	On a notice of acceptance of money lodged in court	£10·00
26	On a search or inspection	£8·00
27	On a witness summons	£11·00
28	On a certificate of application for discovery	£10·00

Note:

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- (2) The fees prescribed above at item 7 and 11 and at item 21 cover all necessary copies for service, entries in the Office and all notices of application to the Judge or to the District Judge, and all other notices (not otherwise specifically provided for) filed in the Office during the course of the action or matter and before final judgment.

SECTION II

Fees for specified proceedings within the equity and probate jurisdiction

Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
1	On a civil bill or petition, where the property or estate of the subject matter of the proceedings— (a) either insofar as it consists of lands or premises does not exceed £300 in annual value or	£90·00

Note:

The fees prescribed above at items 1 and 2 cover all necessary copies for service, entries in the Office, summons to proceed, all notices of motion, and all notices of motion, (not otherwise specifically provided for) filed in the Office during the course of the suit or matter and before final judgment in the case of a probate suit, the Certificate of Decree to be transmitted to the Probate Registry.

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Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
	insofar as it consists of personalty does not exceed £500 in amount of value	
	(b) either insofar as it consists of lands or premises exceeds £300 in annual value or insofar as it consists of personalty exceeds £500 in amount or value	£105·00
	Provided that in the case of a mortgage suit or creditor's administration suit where the amount claimed does not exceed £300 the fee on the civil bill shall be £65	
2	On a primary or final decree, order or dismiss	£45·00
3	On a decree or order not otherwise provided for (including an interlocutory order)	£45·00
4	On the taking of an account or the holding of an inquiry by an officer pursuant to an order of the Judge, for each hour or part thereof	£50·00
5	On the officer's certificate thereof	£12·00
6	On an affidavit for the lodgment in court of a sum of money (fee to cover all necessary notices and certificates by the chief clerk)	£45·00

Note:

The fees prescribed above at items 1 and 2 cover all necessary copies for service, entries in the Office, summons to proceed, all notices of motion, and all notices of motion, (not otherwise specifically provided for) filed in the Office during the course of the suit or matter and before final judgment in the case of a probate suit, the Certificate of Decree to be transmitted to the Probate Registry.

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SECTION III

Fees to be taken in respect of proceedings under the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
1	On a notice of application to the court in relation to a licence, including notice of application for a declaration under Article 10 of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 or for an order under Article 31 of that Order	£190·00
2	On a notice of an application under Article 44—	
	(i) where the application only relates to occasions which will occur on or between 1st April 1997 and 30th September 1997	£60·00
	(ii) where the application only relates to occasions which will occur within a single twelve month period calculated from 1st October in any one year to 30th September in the following year	£120·00
	(iii) where the application relates to occasions which will occur in more than one twelve month period calculated from 1st October in any one year to 30th September in the following year	£120·00 in respect of each such twelve month period
3	On a notice of application to the court for the grant of registration of a club under Article 5 of the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996	£190·00
4	Children's certificate (under Article 59 of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 or Article 33 of the	£10·00

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SECTION IV

Miscellaneous fees relating to civil proceedings and matters

Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
	UNDER PART V (ENFORCEMENT OF COUNTY COURT DECREES OUTSIDE NORTHERN IRELAND) OF ORDER 40	
1	On a certified copy of a decree, or a certificate in respect of a money provision, issued under Part V of Order 40 This fee includes provision of the appropriate certificate in Forms 295-298	£30·00
	UNDER THE PARLIAMENTARY DOCUMENTS DEPOSIT ACT 1837	
2	On a search in papers deposited under Standing Orders of Parliament, for each hour or part thereof	£10·00
3	On an extract from papers so deposited — per page	£2·50

SECTION V

Fees to apply in respect of applications for arbitration under Article 30(3) of the Order

Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
1	On lodging an application in which the amount claimed, or the value of the specific chattels claimed— does not exceed £150	£12·00

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Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
	exceeds £150 but does not exceed £300	£30·00
	exceeds £300 but does not exceed £500	£40·00
	exceeds £500	£50·00
2	On a counterclaim or set-off where the amount thereof—	
	does not exceed £150	£7·50
	exceeds £150 but does not exceed £300	£15·00
	exceeds £300 but not exceed £500	£20·00
	exceeds £500	£25·00

SECTION VI

Fees to be taken in respect of proceedings under the Criminal Injuries (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (“the Criminal Injuries Order”) and the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (“the Criminal Damage Order”)

Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
1	On a notice of appeal to a county court under Article 16 of the Criminal Injuries Order	£105·00
2	On a notice of application under Article 14 of the Criminal Injuries Order	£22·00
3	On a notice of appeal to a county court under Article 15 of the Criminal Damage Order	£105·00

SECTION VII

Fees to be taken in respect of proceedings under the Family Law Act 1986

Column 1 No. of Fee	Column 2 Item	Column 3 Amount of Fee
1	On an application under section 27 of the Family Law Act 1986 for the registration of a custody order	£22·00”

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the County Court Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 by substituting a new Schedule 1 so as to increase the court fees to be taken in proceedings in county courts.