EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order revokes the Registered Establishments (Fees) (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I.1995/749) and re-enacts its provisions with amendments.

The amendments increase by approximately 17-25% as from 1st April 2000 the maximum levels for the fees chargeable by local authorities to applicants for registration, variation of conditions of registration, and for issuing a new certificate of registration under Part IV of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 ("the 1968 Act").

The maximum level of fee chargeable by local authorities for the annual continuation of registration under Part IV of the 1968 Act has been increased to the same level as the annual continuation fee for nursing homes. The provisions as to times at which fees are to be charged are re-enacted without amendment.