

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE REGISTRATION SERVICES (FEES, ETC.) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2009 (SSI 2009/64)

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 37(1), 39D(1) and 39E(3) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965, section 3(1) and 19(2) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977, section 88(2) and 95(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and section 58(5) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. Registration service fees are set by the Registrar General for Scotland with the approval of the Scottish Ministers by regulations made under the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965, the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977, the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006.

3. The level of fees is reviewed annually to ensure that the cost of providing chargeable services is fully recovered and to take account when fixing charges of any likely future increases in costs.

4. The purpose of this instrument is to:-

a) Increase the fee for submission of a marriage or civil partnership notices and legal preliminaries from £26 per person to £28 per person.

b) Increase the fee for a civil marriage ceremony and civil partnership registration from £46.50 to £50.00.

c) Increase the fee for the production of an extract at a local registration office from £8.50 to £9.00.

Consultation

5. GROS consulted the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA) and the Association of Registrars of Scotland (AROS) on the level of fees.

Financial Effects

6. The costs associated will be borne by those who wish to marry, register a civil partnership or purchase an extract.

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