

1968 No. 1242

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,
MARRIAGES, ETC.**
ENGLAND AND WALES
**The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees)
Order 1968**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	1st August 1968
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		9th August 1968
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		16th August 1968

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5 of and Schedule 3 to the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order :—

Title and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriage (Fees) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on 16th August 1968.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this order, any reference to a provision of the Marriage Act 1949(c) specifying sums shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended by section 23 of and schedule 1 to the Registration Service Act 1953(d) (which increased certain sums specified in the Marriage Act 1949 by 50 per cent.)

Variation of fees, etc.

3. The enactments specified in column 2 of schedule 1 to this order (which relate to the fees, etc., payable in respect of the matters mentioned in column 3 of that schedule) shall be amended by substituting for the sums specified in column 4 of that schedule the sums specified in column 5 thereof.

Fees ceasing to be payable, and repeal of superseded enactments

4.—(1) The sums payable under the enactments specified in column 2 of schedule 2 to this order (which relate to the fees, etc., payable in respect of the matters mentioned in column 3 of that schedule) shall cease to be payable ; and the said enactments shall be repealed to the extent specified in column 4 of that schedule.

(2) The fee payable for the issue of a certificate for marriage under section 32(5) of the Marriage Act 1949 (which specifies the fees for issue of a certificate and licence for marriage) shall cease to be payable.

(a) 1968 c. 14.
(c) 1949 c. 76.

(b) 1889 c. 63.
(d) 1953 c. 37.

Different provision for certain cases

5.—(1) The fee of three shillings and ninepence specified by section 63(1) of the Marriage Act 1949 for every certified copy of an entry in a marriage register book to which that section applies shall be increased—

(a) to five shillings where application for a copy is made—

(i) at the time of registering the marriage or

(ii) to a registrar by whom the book containing the entry is kept, and

(b) to eight shillings in any other case.

(2) The fee of ninepence specified by section 33(1) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(a) for obtaining a short certificate of birth—

(a) shall cease to be payable for a certificate obtained at the time of registering the birth (or, if more than one such certificate is obtained, the first of them) and

(b) shall be increased to three shillings in any other case.

SCHEDULE 1
VARIATION OF FEES

Article 3

1	2 Enactment specifying fees	3 Matter for which fee is payable	4 Old fee	5 New fee
1855 c.81	Places of Worship Registration Act 1855 Section 5	Certification of place of meeting for religious wor- ship	2s. 6d.	£1
1887 c.40	Savings Bank Act 1887 Section 10	Certificate of birth, death or marriage, for purposes of certain Acts	1s.	2s.
1896 c.25	Friendly Societies Act 1896 Section 97(1)	Certificate of birth or death, for purposes of that Act	1s.	2s.
	Section 97(2)	Further certificates under section 97(1)	6d.	2s.
1938 c.69	Young Persons (Em- ployment) Act 1938 Section 5	Copy of entry in birth register, for purposes of that Act	6d.	2s.
1944 c.31	Education Act 1944 Section 94(1)	Copy of entry in birth register, for purposes of certain Acts	6d.	2s.
1948 c.39	Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act 1948 Schedule 1, paragraph 7	Certificate of death, for purposes of that Act	1s.	2s.

(a) 1953 c. 20.

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1949 c.76	Marriage Act 1949 Section 27(6)	Entry in marriage notice book	1s. 6d.	15s.
	Section 41(6)	Registration of buildings for solemnisation of marriages	£4 10s.	£6
	Section 51	Fees of registrars for attending marriage	15s. 7s. 6d. }	} £1
	Section 57(4)	Sum paid to incumbent, etc. for every entry con- tained in quarterly certi- fied copies of entries of marriages	9d.	3s.
	Section 64(2)	General search of indexes of register books kept by superintendent registrars	7s. 6d.	£2
	Section 65(2)	Certified copy of entry issued under that sub- section	3s. 9d.	8s.
	Section 65(2)	Certified copy of entry, following search of in- dexes kept at General Register Office	3s. 9d.	8s.
1950 c.28	Shops Act 1950 Section 35	Copy of entry in birth re- gister, for purposes of that Act	6d.	2s.
1953 c.20	Births and Deaths Re- gistration Act 1953 Section 13(2)	Issue of certificate of baptism	1s. 6d.	3s.
	Section 30(2)	Certified copy of entry, following search of in- dexes kept in General Re- gister Office	3s. 9d.	8s.
	Section 31(2)	General search of indexes kept by superintendent registrars	7s. 6d.	£2
	Section 32	Certified copy of entry issued under that sub- section	3s. 9d.	8s.
	Section 32	Certified copy of entry in registers kept by registrars	3s. 9d.	5s.
1961 c.34	Factories Act 1961 Section 178(1)	Extract of entry in birth register, for purposes of that Act	6d.	2s.
1965 c.51	National Insurance Act 1965 Section 91(2)	Copy of entry of parti- culars of birth, death or marriage for purposes of that Act	1s. 6d. }	} 2s.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

FEES CEASING TO BE PAYABLE

1	2 Enactment specifying fees	3 Matter for which fee is payable	4 Extent of repeal
1855 c.81	Places of Worship Re- gistration Act 1855 Section 7	Inspection of list of places certified under the Act	The words "on payment to such superintendent registrar of a fee of one shilling".
1856 c.119	Marriage and Regis- tration Act 1856 Section 24	Search in returns of certi- fied places of worship, etc.	The words "on payment to him of the several fees herein-after mentioned" and the words from "and the Registrar General shall be entitled" onwards.
1874 c.88	Births and Deaths Re- gistration Act 1874 Section 28	Registrars' returns of deaths to local authori- ties	The words from "The registrar making such return" onwards.
1896 c.25	Friendly Societies Act 1896 Section 97(3)	Filling up by registrar of form of application for certificate of birth or death	The whole subsection.
1944 c.31	Education Act 1944 Section 94(2)	Registrars' returns of births and deaths to local education authorities	The words from "and in respect of every entry" onwards.
1949 c.76	Marriage Act 1949 Section 29(1)	Entry of caveat against issue of certificate or licence for marriage	The words "on payment of a fee of seven shillings and sixpence".
	Section 31(6)	Issue of certificate for marriage without licence	The whole subsection.
	Section 63(1)	Search in marriage re- gister books kept by in- cumbents, registrars, etc.	Sub-paragraph (a).
	Section 64(2)	Particular search of in- dexes of marriage register books kept by superinten- dent registrars	Sub-paragraph (b).
	Section 65(2)	General or particular search of indexes kept at General Register Office	Sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).
1953 c.20	Births and Deaths Re- gistration Act 1953 Section 5	Registration of birth if effected at a private house	The proviso.
	Section 6(3)	Registration between 3 and 12 months from birth	The whole subsection.

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	Section 7(2)	Registration after 12 months from birth	The whole subsection.
	Section 9(4)	Declaration of information concerning birth	The whole subsection.
	Section 11(3)	Duplicate certificate as to registration of still-birth	The words "on payment of the prescribed fee".
	Section 12	Certificate by registrar that he has registered a birth	The words "and upon payment to him by the informant of a fee not exceeding fourpence".
	Section 13(1)	Registration of name of child given or altered within 12 months of registration of birth	The words "and upon payment to him by the person procuring the name mentioned in the certificate to be entered of a fee of one shilling and sixpence".
	Section 14(3)	Re-registration of births of legitimated persons	The whole subsection.
	Section 20	Registration of death if effected at a private house	The proviso.
	Section 21(2)	Registration of death after 12 months	The whole subsection.
	Section 24(2)	Certificate that a death is not required to be registered in England or Wales	The words "and upon payment of the prescribed fee".
	Section 24(4)	Duplicate certificate as to registration of death	The words "on payment of the prescribed fee".
	Section 29(3)	Correction of certain errors in a register of live-births, still-births or deaths	The words "upon payment to him by the person requiring the error to be corrected of a fee of three shillings and ninepence and".
	Section 30(2)	General or particular search of indexes kept at General Register Office	Sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).
	Section 31(2)	Particular search of indexes kept by superintendent registrars	Sub-paragraph (b).
	Section 32	Search in registers kept by registrars	Sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 1st August 1968.

(L.S.)

Kenneth Robinson,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order alters various fees payable under the Acts relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages and associated matters. The fees listed in Schedule 1 to the Order are increased ; those listed in Schedule 2 are abolished, and consequential repeals are made. In addition, Article 5 provides for certain differential fees.

The principal alterations are—

1. Fees for searches in records and registers of births, deaths and marriages are abolished, except in the case of a general search at a superintendent registrar's office, where the fee is increased to £2.
2. Fees for certified copies of entries are increased to 5s. on registration and 8s. subsequently.
3. The fee for entering notice of marriage is increased to 15s. ; but the fee for subsequent issue of a certificate for marriage is abolished. (The fee for issue of a licence is not affected.)
4. Fees for certifying places of worship and for registering buildings for marriage are increased to £1 and £6 respectively.
5. Fees for special procedures for registering births are abolished.
6. Fees for special certificates of birth, death or marriage for purposes of certain Acts are increased to 2s.