

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1986 No. 1399

LAND REGISTRATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Land Registration Fee Order 1986

Made - - - 4th August 1986
Coming into Operation 1st October 1986

The Lord Chancellor, with the advice and assistance of the Rule Committee appointed in pursuance of section 144 of the Land Registration Act 1925(a), and the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 145 of that Act and sections 2 and 3 of the Public Offices Fees Act 1879(b), hereby make and concur in the following Order:—

PART I

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.— (1) This Order may be cited as the Land Registration Fee Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1986.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“account holder” means a person or firm holding a credit account;

“the Act” means the Land Registration Act 1925;

“charge” includes sub-charge;

“compulsory area” means an area in which registration of title is compulsory on sale;

“credit account” means an account authorised by the Registrar under article 17(1);

“monetary consideration” means a consideration in money or money’s worth (other than a nominal consideration or a consideration solely of a covenant to pay money owing on a mortgage);

“scale fee” means a fee payable in accordance with a scale set out in Schedule 1, 2, 3 or 4;

“Schedule” means a Schedule to this Order;

“share in registered land” means a share in the proceeds of sale of registered land held on trust for sale.

(a) 1925 c. 21.

(b) 1879 c. 58.

PART II

SCALE AND FIXED FEES: ABATEMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS

Scale Fees (Scales 1 and 2)

2.— (1) The fee for an application for the first registration of a title (other than an application by an original lessee or a rentcharge owner referred to in paragraphs (3) and (4) below) shall be paid in accordance with Scale 1 in Schedule 1 on the value of the land.

(2) The value of the land shall be determined as follows:

- (a) Where, within one year of a sale (other than an exchange, whether or not any equality money is paid), the purchaser applies for first registration of his title, the value of the land shall be taken as the amount of the purchase money together with the amount outstanding at the time of the purchase under any charge or mortgage subject to which the land was purchased.
- (b) In the case of an application for first registration not falling within subparagraph (a) above, the value of the land shall be ascertained by the Registrar at such sum as in his opinion the land would fetch if sold in the open market at the date of the application free from any charge or mortgage: and as evidence of such value the Registrar may require a statement in writing, signed by the applicant or his solicitor or by any other person who, in the Registrar's opinion, is competent to make such a statement.
- (c) Where an application for first registration is made on the purchase of a leasehold estate by the reversioner or of a reversion by the leaseholder or on any other like occasion and merger of an unregistered interest takes place, the value of the land shall be the combined value of the reversionary and merged interests determined in accordance with subparagraphs (a) and (b) above.

(3) The fee for an application for the first registration of a title to a lease (whether or not deriving from a registered freehold or leasehold title) by the original lessee or his personal representative shall be paid in accordance with Scale 1 in Schedule 1 on any money payment made by the lessee as part of the same transaction by way of fine, premium or otherwise and in accordance with Scale 2 in Schedule 2 on the largest ascertainable amount of annual rent reserved.

Provided that, when the amount of the rent is not ascertainable at the date of application for registration, the lease shall be treated as having been granted at a rent which attracts a fee of £20 under Scale 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The fee for an application for the first registration of a title to a rentcharge shall be that specified in paragraph (7) of Part I of Schedule 5.

Scale Fees (Scale 3)

3.— (1) The fee for an application for the registration of:

- (a) a transfer otherwise than for monetary consideration (including a transfer for the purpose of giving effect to the disposition otherwise

than for monetary consideration of a share in registered land or in a registered charge);

- (b) a surrender of a registered lease otherwise than for monetary consideration (whether effected by deed or otherwise);
- (c) a transmission on death or bankruptcy;
- (d) an assent (including a vesting assent);
- (e) an appropriation;
- (f) a rectification of the register;
- (g) a vesting order or declaration under section 47 of the Act;
- (h) a transfer by a company of land or a share in registered land falling within section 55 of the Finance Act 1927(a) or section 42 of the Finance Act 1930(b);

shall be paid in accordance with Scale 3 in Schedule 3 on the value of the land in each registered title or on the amount secured by each registered charge which is the subject of the dealing but after deducting therefrom the amount secured on the land or, as the case may be, on the charge by any prior charge.

Provided that

- (i) in the case of a disposition of only a share in registered land or in a registered charge the fee shall be paid in accordance with Scale 3 in Schedule 3 on the equivalent proportion of the value of the land in each registered title or on the equivalent proportion of the amount secured by each registered charge which is the subject of the dealing but after deducting therefrom an equivalent proportion of the amount secured on the land or, as the case may be, on the charge by any prior charge.
- (ii) where, in the case of rectification of the register, the fee appears to the Registrar to be unreasonable or excessive he may reduce or waive it.

(2) For the purpose of this article the value of registered land shall be ascertained by the Registrar at such sum as in his opinion it would fetch if sold in the open market at the date of the application free from any charge or mortgage; and as evidence of such value the Registrar may require a statement in writing, signed by the applicant or his solicitor or by any other person who, in the Registrar's opinion, is competent to make such a statement.

Scale Fees (Scale 4)

4.— (1) The fee for an application for the registration of:

- (a) a transfer for monetary consideration (not being a dealing mentioned in article 3);
- (b) a transfer for the purpose of giving effect to the disposition for monetary consideration of a share in registered land or in a registered charge;

(a) 1927 c. 10.

(b) 1930 c. 28.

- (c) an exchange (whether or not money is paid for equality);
- (d) a surrender of a registered lease for monetary consideration (whether effected by deed or otherwise);
- (e) a charge;

shall be paid, in accordance with Scale 4 in Schedule 4, on the amount of the consideration or, in the case of an exchange, on the value of the land in each registered title or, in the case of a charge, on the amount of the charge.

(2) Where a sale and sub-sale of land are effected by one instrument of transfer, the fee shall be assessed upon the consideration paid by the sub-purchaser.

(3) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (1)(c) of this article, the value of the land in each registered title shall be ascertained by the Registrar at such sum as in his opinion it would fetch if sold in the open market at the date of the application free from any charge or mortgage; and as evidence of such value the Registrar may require a statement in writing, signed by the applicant or his solicitor or by any other person who, in the Registrar's opinion, is competent to make such a statement.

Fixed fees

5.— (1) The fees for the applications and services specified in Schedule 5 shall be those set out in that schedule.

(2) The Registrar may, if he thinks fit, waive or remit any fee or part of a fee or any category of fee payable under this article.

Abatements and exemptions

6.— (1) The abatements set out in Part I of Schedule 6 shall apply in respect of the applications therein mentioned.

(2) No fee shall be payable in respect of any of the applications and services specified in Part II of Schedule 6.

Cancellation of noted lease or rentcharge

7. The fee for an application to cancel an entry in the register of notice of an unregistered lease (other than a lease containing an absolute prohibition against all dealings therewith inter vivos) or of an unregistered rentcharge which has determined on merger, surrender or otherwise shall be paid in accordance with Scale 1 in Schedule 1 on the value thereof at the time of its determination.

PART III

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS TO CHARGES

Charges secured on registered and unregistered land

8. Where a charge is secured on unregistered land or other property as well as on registered land, the fee under Scale 4 in Schedule 4 for registration of the

charge shall be payable on an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:—

$$\frac{\text{Value of registered land}}{\text{Value of whole security}} \times \text{Total sum secured}$$

Additional or substituted security or guarantee

9. The fee under Scale 4 in Schedule 4 for the registration of a charge by way of additional or substituted security or by way of guarantee shall be payable on the amount secured or guaranteed:

Provided that the amount on which such fee is to be paid shall not exceed the value of the land after deducting therefrom the amount secured on it by any prior registered charge.

Charge to secure further advances

10.— (1) A charge to secure further advances, where the total amount of the advances or of the money to be owing at any one time is in any way limited, shall be treated as a charge to secure the amount so limited.

(2) A charge to secure further advances, where the total amount of the advances or of the money to be owing at any one time is in no way limited, shall be treated as a charge to secure an amount equal to the value of the registered land comprised in the charge after deducting therefrom the amount secured on it by any prior registered charge.

PART IV

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Refund of fees

11.— (1) Where an amount exceeding the prescribed fee has been paid, there shall be refunded any excess remaining after the deduction, if the Registrar so directs, of an amount not exceeding £10 in respect of the costs of repayment.

(2) Subject to the provisions of article 12(1), if any application is cancelled or withdrawn no part of the fee therefor shall be refunded unless the Registrar so directs.

Exceptional work and costs

12.— (1) If an application for first registration (other than an application founded upon an assurance inducing compulsory registration of title) or an application for conversion from one class of title to another entails an exceptional amount of work, such additional fee shall be payable as the Registrar shall direct without having regard to any maximum fee. Notification of the additional fee shall be given to the applicant and, if he then elects to withdraw his application, any fee already paid thereon shall be refunded.

(2) If, in the course of dealing with any application, the Registrar directs

publication of an advertisement, the making of a survey (other than a survey to identify on the ordnance map land which is registered or is required to be registered under section 123 of the Act or is in a compulsory area) or any other special enquiry, the costs so incurred shall be defrayed by the applicant unless the Registrar directs to the contrary.

Special expedition

13. Where application for special expedition in connection with an application is granted, such further fee, being not less than £20, shall be payable as the Registrar shall direct having regard to the special work involved.

Fixed boundaries

14. Where application is made for the boundaries of land to be noted on the register as fixed under rule 277 of the Land Registration Rules 1925(a), such fee shall be charged as the Registrar may consider necessary to cover the cost of any examination of title, enquiries, mapping, surveying, notices or other work involved.

Applications not otherwise referred to

15. Upon an application for which no other fee is payable under this Order and which is not exempt from payment, there shall be paid such fee (if any) not exceeding a fee under Scale 4 in Schedule 4 on the value of the land or on the amount of the charge as the Registrar shall direct having regard to the work involved.

Method of payment

16. Subject to the provisions of article 17:—

- (i) every fee shall be paid by means of a cheque or postal order crossed and made payable to H.M. Land Registry;
- (ii) where a fee is paid by means of a cheque, the application shall not be completed until due time has been allowed for the cheque to be cleared and, if the cheque is not honoured, the application shall be cancelled;
- (iii) where the amount of a fee payable upon an application is immediately ascertainable, the fee shall be paid on delivery of the application;
- (iv) where the amount of a fee payable upon an application is not immediately ascertainable, on delivery of the application there shall be paid on account of the fee such sum as the Registrar shall direct and there shall be lodged therewith an undertaking to pay on demand the balance of the fee due.

(a) S.R. & O. 1925/1093.

Credit accounts

17.— (1) Any person or firm may, if authorised by the Registrar, use a credit account in accordance with this article for the purpose of the payment of fees for applications of such kind as the Registrar shall from time to time direct.

(2) Where an account holder makes an application in respect of which credit facilities are available, he may make a request, in such manner as the Registrar shall direct, for the appropriate fee to be debited to the account holder's credit account.

(3) A statement of account shall be sent by the Registrar to each account holder at the end of each calendar month or such other period as the Registrar shall direct either in any particular case or generally.

(4) On receipt of the statement and if no question arises thereon the account holder shall pay by cheque any sum due on his account forthwith.

(5) Cheques shall be crossed and made payable to H.M. Land Registry and sent to the Accounts Section, H.M. Land Registry, Burrington Way, Plymouth PL5 3LP or at such other address as the Registrar shall direct.

(6) The Registrar may at any time and without giving reasons terminate or suspend any or all authorisations given under paragraph (1) above.

Revocation

18. The Land Registration Fee Order 1985(a) is hereby revoked.

Dated 22nd July 1986.

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

Dated 4th August 1986.

*Tim Sainsbury,
Michael Neubert,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) S.I. 1985/359.

Article 2(1)–(3)
Article 7

SCHEDULE 1

SCALE 1

FIRST REGISTRATION

CANCELLATION OF NOTED LEASE (OTHER THAN AN INALIENABLE LEASE) OR RENTCHARGE

NOTE 1: For abatement of fee for registration of charge accompanying application for first registration, see Schedule 6, Abatement 1.

NOTE 2: Where the amount of the value is a figure which includes pence, the value may be rounded down to the nearest £1.

Value £	Fee £
0– 15,000	20
15,001– 20,000	25
20,001– 25,000	30
25,001– 30,000	35
30,001– 35,000	40
35,001– 40,000	50
40,001– 45,000	60
45,001– 50,000	70
50,001– 60,000	80
60,001– 70,000	90
70,001– 80,000	100
80,001– 90,000	110
90,001– 100,000	120
100,001– 150,000	140
150,001– 200,000	160
200,001– 300,000	180
300,001– 400,000	200
400,001– 500,000	220
500,001– 600,000	240
600,001– 700,000	260
700,001– 800,000	280
800,001– 900,000	300
900,001–1,000,000	325
1,000,001–1,250,000	375
1,250,001–1,500,000	425
1,500,001–2,000,000	500
2,000,001 & over	600

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(3)

SCALE 2

FIRST REGISTRATION BY ORIGINAL LESSEE

NOTE 1: On application for registration of title by original lessee, fees are payable under this scale on the amount of the annual rent and also, if there is a premium, under Scale 1 on the amount of such premium.

NOTE 2: For abatement of fee for registration of charge accompanying application for first registration, see Schedule 6, Abatement 1.

NOTE 3: For abatement of fee for registration of a "Right to Buy" lease granted under the provisions of the Housing Act 1985, see Schedule 6, Abatement 4.

NOTE 4: Where the amount of the rent is a figure which includes pence, the rent may be rounded down to the nearest £1.

Annual Rent £	Fee £
0- 2,000	20
2,001- 3,000	30
3,001- 4,000	40
4,001- 5,000	50
5,001- 6,000	60
6,001- 7,000	70
7,001- 8,000	80
8,001- 9,000	90
9,001- 10,000	100
10,001- 15,000	150
15,001- 20,000	200
20,001- 25,000	250
25,001- 30,000	300
30,001- 35,000	350
35,001- 40,000	400
40,001- 45,000	450
45,001 & over	500

Article 3

SCHEDULE 3

SCALE 3

DEALINGS FALLING UNDER ARTICLE 3

NOTE 1: For abatement of fee for registration of transfers effecting changes of trustees and vestings pursuant to Court orders, see Schedule 6, Abatement 3.

NOTE 2: Where the amount of the value is a figure which includes pence, the value may be rounded down to the nearest £1.

Value £	Fee £
0- 40,000	20
40,001- 80,000	40
80,001- 120,000	60
120,001- 160,000	80
160,001 & over	100

SCHEDULE 4

Article 4

SCALE 4

DEALINGS FALLING UNDER ARTICLE 4

NOTE 1: For abatement of fee where a charge accompanies an application to register a transfer or exchange where a fee is payable in accordance with this scale, see Schedule 6, Abatement 2.

NOTE 2: Where the amount of the value is a figure which includes pence, the value may be rounded down to the nearest £1.

Value £	Fee £
0- 15,000	20
15,001- 20,000	25
20,001- 25,000	30
25,001- 30,000	40
30,001- 35,000	50
35,001- 40,000	60
40,001- 45,000	70
45,001- 50,000	80
50,001- 60,000	90
60,001- 70,000	100
70,001- 80,000	125
80,001- 90,000	150
90,001- 100,000	175
100,001- 150,000	200
150,001- 200,000	225
200,001- 300,000	250
300,001- 400,000	275
400,001- 500,000	300
500,001- 600,000	325
600,001- 700,000	350
700,001- 800,000	375
800,001- 900,000	400
900,001-1,000,000	425
1,000,001-1,250,000	475
1,250,001-1,500,000	525
1,500,001-2,000,000	600
2,000,000 & over	700

Article 5(1)

SCHEDULE 5

Fixed Fees

PART I

APPLICATIONS

Fee

- (1) To register or modify a caution, restriction, notice or inhibition, or a note for which no other provision is made by this Order and for which the Registrar considers a fee should be paid—for each title affected.. £20
- Provided that
- (i) no such fee shall be payable if the application is accompanied by an application upon which a scale fee is payable;
- (ii) the maximum fee on any one application shall be £260.
- (2) To close or partly close a registered leasehold or rentcharge title—for each title closed or partly closed £20
- Provided that no such fee shall be payable if the application is accompanied by an application upon which a scale fee is payable.
- (3) To remove land from the register £20
- (4) To convert from one class of title to another £20
- Provided that no fee shall be payable if the application for conversion is accompanied by an application upon which a scale fee is payable.
- (5) To replace a lost or destroyed land certificate or charge certificate (in addition to the cost of any advertisement) £20
- (6) For any application affecting the minor interests index £20
- (7) First registration of a title to a rentcharge £20
- (8) To cancel an entry in the register of notice of an unregistered lease containing an absolute prohibition against all dealings therewith inter vivos £20

Article 5(1)

PART II

SERVICES

Fee

- (1) Official search of the index of proprietors' names—per name £10
- (2) Personal search of the register or any part thereof other than by the registered proprietor £10
- (3) Inspection of any document not referred to on the register..... £10
- (4) Service of notice under rule 288(2) of the Land Registration Rules 1925 £10
- (5) To take an affidavit or declaration £3

SCHEDULE 6

Article 6(1)

PART I

ABATEMENTS

Charge accompanying application for first registration

- Abatement 1 Where, on an application for first registration, a charge by the applicant, or by a predecessor in title of the applicant, is delivered either with the application or before the application is completed, no fee shall be payable for the registration of the charge.

Charge accompanying an application for which a fee is payable in accordance with Scale 4 in Schedule 4

- Abatement 2 Where, on an application to register a transfer or exchange for which a fee is payable in accordance with Scale 4 in Schedule 4, a charge by the transferee is delivered either with the application or before the application is completed, no fee shall be payable for the registration of the charge.

Transfers effecting a change of trustees and vestings pursuant to Court orders

- Abatement 3 Where an application is made for registration of—
- (a) a transfer to give effect to the appointment of a new trustee or the discharge of an existing trustee, or
 - (b) an order of the Court operating to vest registered land or a registered charge on an appointment or discharge of a trustee, or
 - (c) a transfer or order of the Court or of the Charity Commissioners vesting registered land or a registered charge in the Official Custodian for Charities, or
 - (d) a transfer of a matrimonial home made pursuant to an order of the Court,

the fee shall be reduced to one half in respect of each registered title.

Leases made under the provisions of Part V Housing Act 1985(a).

- Abatement 4 Where on an application for first registration of a lease made pursuant to the provisions of Part V Housing Act 1985 (Right to Buy) for which a fee is payable in accordance with Scale 2 in Schedule 2 on the largest ascertainable amount of annual rent reserved, the fee on Scale 2 shall be reduced to one quarter.

PART II

Article 6(2)

EXEMPTIONS

No fee shall be payable in respect of:—

- (1) making a land certificate or charge certificate correspond with the register;

(a) 1985 c. 68.

- (2) changing the name, address or description of a registered proprietor or other person referred to on the register, or changing the description of a property;
 - (3) registering a discharge of a registered charge;
 - (4) registering a notice or renewal of a caution or notice pursuant to the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983(a);
 - (5) registering a notice, or a withdrawal of a notice, of deposit or intended deposit of a land certificate or charge certificate;
 - (6) entering on the register the death of a joint proprietor;
 - (7) cancelling the registration of a notice (other than a notice in respect of an unregistered lease or unregistered rentcharge), caution, inhibition, restriction or note;
 - (8) approving an estate layout plan or any draft document with or without a plan;
 - (9) supplying an office copy of the register or of the title plan or of any document referred to on the register as being filed;
 - (10) a search of the register (except a personal search made by a person other than the registered proprietor);
 - (11) an official inspection of a filed plan;
 - (12) a search of the index map;
 - (13) issuing of a summons under the seal of the Land Registry;
 - (14) an order by the Registrar.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Order, which revokes the Land Registration Fee Order 1985, alters the land registration fee scales and makes certain other changes.

Overall the new fee scales effect a reduction of fees but minimum fees have been raised.

The other changes include the following:—

- (1) No fee is now payable for the registration of a notice or caution under the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983 (Article 6(2) Schedule 6 Part II paragraph (4)).
- (2) A fee of £20 is prescribed for an application to cancel a notice of inalienable lease (Article 5(2) Schedule 5 Part I paragraph (8)).
- (3) An abatement in respect of the fees payable under scale 2 contained in Schedule 2 on the rent reserved by a lease granted under part V of the Housing Act 1985 (right to buy) has been introduced. (Article 6(1) Schedule 6 Part I Abatement 4.)
- (4) A fee of £20 is prescribed for an application for special expedition (Article 13).
- (5) Certain other fixed fees for particular services and applications have been increased (Article 5(1)).

(a) 1983 c. 19.

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