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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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**1986 No. 986**

**ARMS AND AMMUNITION**

**The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1986**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>9th June 1986</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>16th June 1986</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st October 1986</i>

In pursuance of section 43 of the Firearms Act 1968(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1986.

(2) This Order shall not extend to Scotland.

2. The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1980(b) (hereafter referred to as “the 1980 Order”) is hereby revoked.

3. References in this Order to “the 1968 Act” are references to the Firearms Act 1968.

4. In section 32(1) of the 1968 Act (which relates to fees for firearm and shot gun certificates and which was set out, as amended, in Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1980 Order)—

- (a) in paragraph (a) for the words “£25” there shall be substituted the words “£33”;
- (b) in paragraph (b) the words “or on the replacement of a firearm certificate which has been lost or destroyed” shall be omitted and for the words “£20” there shall be substituted the words “£33”;
- (c) in paragraph (c) the words “or replaced” shall be omitted and for the words “£20” there shall be substituted the words “£19”;
- (d) after paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following provision —
  - “(cc) on the replacement of a firearm certificate which has been lost or destroyed a fee of £6.50;”;
- (e) at the end of paragraph (d) the word “and” shall be omitted;
- (f) in paragraph (e) the words “or on the replacement of a shot gun certificate which has been lost or destroyed” shall be omitted; and

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(a) 1968 c.27.

(b) S.I. 1980/574.

(g) after paragraph (e) there shall be inserted the following provision —

“and

(f) on the replacement of a shot gun certificate which has been lost or destroyed a fee of £5.50.”;

and accordingly the said section 32(1) shall have effect as set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to this Order.

5. Section 32(3A) of the 1968 Act (which provides that no fee shall be payable in respect of firearm certificates for certain signalling devices and which was set out, as amended, in Part II of Schedule 1 to the 1980 Order) shall continue to have effect as set out in Part II of Schedule 1 to this Order.

6. In section 35(1) of the 1968 Act (which relates to the fee for registration as a firearms dealer and which was set out, as amended, in Part I of Schedule 2 to the 1980 Order) for the words “£58” there shall be substituted the words “£68” and accordingly that provision shall have effect as set out in Part I of Schedule 2 to this Order.

7. After section 35(1) of the 1968 Act there shall be inserted the following provision:—

“(1A)—If the chief officer of police for the area in which the applicant has applied to be registered is satisfied —

(a) that the only place of business in respect of which the application is made is at a game fair, trade fair or exhibition, agricultural show or an event of a similar character, and

(b) that the applicant’s principal place of business is entered in the register for another area,

the fee payable shall be £9.”.

8. Section 35(3) of the 1968 Act (which relates to the fee for renewal of registration as a firearms dealer and which was set out, as amended, in Part II of Schedule 2 to the 1980 Order) shall continue to have effect as set out in Part II of Schedule 2 to this Order.

*Douglas Hurd,*  
One of Her Majesty’s Principal  
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.  
9th June 1986.

## SCHEDULE 1

Articles 4 and 5

*Section 32(1) and (3A) of the 1968 Act*

## PART I

32.—(1) Subject to this Act, there shall be payable —

- (a) on the grant of a firearm certificate a fee of £33;
- (b) on the renewal of a firearm certificate a fee of £33;
- (c) on any variation of a firearm certificate (otherwise than when it is renewed at the same time) so as to increase the number of firearms to which the certificate relates, a fee of £19;
- (cc) on the replacement of a firearm certificate which has been lost or destroyed a fee of £6.50;
- (d) on the grant of a shot gun certificate a fee of £12;
- (e) on the renewal of a shot gun certificate a fee of £8; and
- (f) on the replacement of a shot gun certificate which has been lost or destroyed a fee of £5.50.

## PART II

(3A) No fee shall be payable on the grant, variation or renewal of a firearm certificate which relates solely to and, in the case of a variation, will continue when varied to relate solely to a signalling device, which, when assembled and ready to fire, is not more than eight inches long and which is designed to discharge a flare, or to ammunition for such a device.

## SCHEDULE 2

Articles 6 and 8

*Section 35(1) and (3) of the 1968 Act*

## PART I

35.—(1) Subject to this Act, on the registration of a person as a firearms dealer there shall be payable by him a fee of £68.

## PART II

(3) Before a person for the time being registered as a firearms dealer can be granted a new certificate of registration under section 33(5) of this Act, he shall pay a fee of £36.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, which extends only to England and Wales, varies the fees payable under the Firearms Act 1968 on the grant, renewal or variation of firearm certificates, the replacement of firearm or shot gun certificates and the registration of firearms dealers. The fees for the grant or renewal of shot gun certificates and the renewal of registration as a firearms dealer are unchanged.

Article 4 increases the fee payable on the grant or renewal of a firearm certificate from £25 and £20 respectively to £33 in both cases. The fees payable on the variation or replacement of a firearm certificate are reduced from £20 to £19 on variation and £6.50 on replacement. The fee payable on the replacement of a shot gun certificate is reduced from £8 to £5.50.

Article 6 increases the fee payable on registration as a firearms dealer from £58 to £68. Article 7 provides for a reduced fee of £9 where registration is in respect of a place of business at a game fair, trade fair or exhibition, agricultural show or an event of a similar character.

Articles 5 and 8 consolidate into this Order previous amendments of provisions of the 1968 Act relating to fees.

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