
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 2939

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS,
DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.
ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Registration of Births, Deaths
and Marriages (Fees) Order 1997

Made - - - - *9th December 1997*
Laid before Parliament *17th December 1997*
Coming into force - - *1st April 1998*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(1) and (2) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 3 to, the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968⁽¹⁾ and now vested in him⁽²⁾ and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 1st April 1998.

(2) In this Order a reference to a numbered column is to the column in the Schedule to this Order bearing that number.

Fees payable

2. In each enactment specified in column (2) in relation to which there is an entry in column (5), for the sum specified in column (5) there is substituted the sum specified in relation to it in column (4); and the fee payable in England and Wales under each of the enactments specified in column

(1) 1968 c. 14; paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 was amended by section 116(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 9 to, the Friendly Societies Act 1974 (c. 46), and by section 4 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992 (c. 6). By virtue of section 2(2) of the Marriage Act 1983 (c. 32) the reference to the Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76) in the said Schedule 3 includes a reference to that Act as amended by the 1983 Act.

(2) References to “the Chancellor of the Exchequer” were substituted in the second column of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 3 by articles 5(1) of, and paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to, the Transfer of Functions (Registration and Statistics) Order 1996 (S.I.1996/273).

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(2) in respect of a matter or case specified in column (3) is that specified in relation to that matter or case in column (4).

Revocation of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1996

3. The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1996⁽³⁾ (under which the fees payable were as respectively set out in column (5) of the Schedule to this Order) is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

9th December 1997

Helen Liddell
Economic Secretary to the Treasury

(3) S.I. 1996/3152.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Fees Payable from 1st April 1998

(1)	(2) <i>Enactment specifying fees</i>	(3) <i>Matter or case for which fee is payable</i>	(4) <i>Fee as from 1st April 1998</i>	(5) <i>Old fee (where different)</i>
1855 c. 81	Places of Worship Registration Act 1855			
	Section 5	Certification of place of meeting for religious worship	£28.00	£25.00
1887 c. 40	Savings Banks Act 1887			
	Section 10(4)	Certificate of birth, death or marriage for purposes of certain Acts	£3.50	£2.50
1949 c. 76	Marriage Act 1949			
	Section 27(6)	Entry in marriage notice book	£21.00	£20.00
	Section 27(7)(5)	Attendance of superintendent registrar other than at his office for purpose of being given notice of marriage of house-bound or detained person	£40.00	£37.00
	Section 32(5)(6)	Licence for marriage	£46.50	£45.00
	Section 41(6)(7)	Registration of buildings for	£120.00	£110.00

(4) Section 10 was amended by section 94 of, and Part III of Schedule 6, to the Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48) and by sections 4(3) and 7(3) of, and Schedule 4 to, the Trustee Savings Banks Act 1985 (c. 58) and is applied by regulation 26 of the Savings Certificates Regulations 1991 (S.I. 1991/1031) and by regulation 25 of the Premium Savings Bonds Regulations 1972 (S.I. 1972/765).

(5) Section 27(7) was inserted by section 1(7) of and paragraph 5(c) of Schedule 1 to the Marriage Act 1983.

(6) Section 32(5) was amended by article 4(2) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1242).

(7) Section 41(1) and (7) was amended as to the meaning of “building” by section 1(1) of the Marriage (Registration of Buildings) Act 1990 (c. 33).

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		solemnization of marriages		
	Section 51(1)(8)	Fee of registrar for attending marriage— (i) at register office	£30.00	£27.00
	(ii) at registered building or at the place where a house-bound or detained person usually resides	£36.00	£35.00	
	Section 51(2)(9)	Fee of superintendent registrar attending marriage at the place where a house-bound or detained person usually resides	£40.00	£37.00
	Section 57(4)(10)	Sum paid to incumbent, etc. for every entry contained in quarterly certified copies of entries of marriage	£2.00	
	Section 63(1)(b)	Certified copy of entry issued under that subsection— (i) when application is made at the time of registering or to a registrar	£3.50	£3.00

(8) Section 51(1) was so numbered by section 1(7) of, and paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to, the Marriage Act 1983.

(9) Section 51(2) was inserted by section 1(7) of, and paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to, the Marriage Act 1983.

(10) Section 57(4) was amended by section 251 of, and paragraph 40 of Schedule 29 to, the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70).

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	(ii) in any other case	£6.50	£6.00	
	Section 64(2)(a)	General search of indexes of register books kept by superintendent registrars	£18.00	
	Section 64(2)(c)	Certified copy of entry issued under that subsection	£6.50	£6.00
	Section 65(2)(c)	Certified copy of entry, following a search of indexes kept at General Register Office	£6.50	£6.00
1953 c. 20	Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953			
	Section 13(2)	Issue of certificate of baptism	£1.00	
	Section 30(2)(c)	Certified copy of entry, following search of indexes kept at General Register Office	£6.50	£6.00
	Section 31(2)(a)	General search of indexes kept by superintendent registrars	£18.00	
	Section 31(2)(c)	Certified copy of entry issued under that subsection	£6.50	£6.00
	Section 32(c)	Certified copy of entry in registers kept by registrars	£3.50	£3.00
	Section 33(1)	(i) A short certificate of birth obtained at the time of registration,	NIL	

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		or if more than one such certificate is obtained, the first of these		
	(ii) Any other short certificate of birth obtained from a registrar	£3.50	£3.00	
	(iii) A short certificate of birth obtained from a superintendent registrar	£5.00	£4.00	
	(iv) A short certificate of birth obtained from the Registrar General where that certificate is compiled from a certified copy of an entry in the register of live- births ⁽¹¹⁾	£6.50	£5.00	
	(v) A short certificate of birth obtained from the Registrar General	£5.00	£4.00	

⁽¹¹⁾ See section 1(1) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.

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	<i>Enactment specifying fees</i>	<i>Matter or case for which fee is payable</i>	<i>Fee as from 1st April 1998</i>	<i>Old fee (where different)</i>
	where that certificate is compiled from any other records and registers in the custody of the Registrar General			
1961 c. 34	Factories Act 1961			
	Section 178(1)	Extract of entry in birth register for purposes of that Act	£3.50	£2.50
1992 c. 5	Social Security Administration Act 1992			
	Section 124(3)(12)	Certificate of birth, death or marriage for purposes of certain Acts	£3.50	£2.50
1996 c. 56	Education Act 1996			
	Section 564(1)	Copy of entry in birth register for purposes of certain Acts	£3.50	£2.50

(12) Subsection (1), to which section 124(3) refers, was amended by section 41(4) of, and paragraph 59 of Schedule 2 to, the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18).

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies the fees payable under the Acts relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages and associated matters, from 1 April 1998.

Where fees have increased, the fees payable both before and after that date are set out in the Schedule.