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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 2762**

**DIPLOMATIC SERVICE**

**The Consular Fees (Civil Partnership) Order 2005**

*Made* - - - - *12th October 2005*

*Coming into force* - - *5th December 2005*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of October 2005

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(1) of the Consular Fees Act 1980<sup>(1)</sup>, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Consular Fees (Civil Partnership) Order 2005 and shall come into force on 5th December 2005.

2. The Schedule to the Consular Fees Order 2005<sup>(2)</sup> shall be amended as follows—

- (a) in Part III, the title “Marriages, Births and Deaths” shall be replaced with the title “Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships”;
- (b) in Fee 22, after the words “intended marriage”, there shall be inserted “or civil partnership or overseas relationship”;
- (c) Fee 23 shall be replaced by the following Fee—

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“23. – 88.00

(1) Solemnising or attending a marriage under the Foreign Marriage Acts 1892<sup>(3)</sup> and 1947<sup>(4)</sup>, administering oaths to the parties and registering the marriage

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(1) 1980 c. 23.  
(2) S.I.2005/1465  
(3) 1892 c. 23.  
(4) 1947 c. 33.

(2) Registration of a civil partnership 88.00”  
under the Civil Partnership (Registration  
Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005(5)

- (d) in Fee 24, after the words “intended marriage”, there shall be inserted “or civil partnership”;
- (e) Fee 25 shall be replaced by the following fee—

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“25. – 23.50

(1) Transmitting a record of a marriage  
under the local law to the appropriate  
Registrar General in accordance with  
Article 7(1) of the Foreign Marriage Order  
1970(6), including the provision of any  
necessary certification

(2) Transmitting a record of an overseas 23.50”  
relationship under the Civil Partnership  
(Registration Abroad and Certificates)  
Order 2005(7), including the provision of  
any necessary certification

- (f) in Fee 26, after the words “intended marriage”, there shall be inserted “or intended overseas relationship”;
- (g) in Fee 28, for the words “births, deaths or marriages” there shall be inserted “births, deaths, marriages or civil partnerships”;
- (h) in Fee 29, for the words “births, deaths or marriages” there shall be inserted “births, deaths, marriages or civil partnerships”;
- (i) in Fee 30, for the words “births, deaths or marriages” there shall be inserted “births, deaths, marriages or civil partnerships”;
- (j) in Fee 31, for the words “births, deaths or marriages” there shall be inserted “births, deaths, marriages or overseas relationships”.

*A.K. Galloway*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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(5) S.I. 2005/2761  
(6) S.I. 1970/1539.  
(7) S.I. 2005/2761

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Consular Fees Order 2005 to take account of the introduction of consular services in respect of civil partnerships under the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005.

The overall effect is to continue full recovery of costs for fee-bearing consular services. Civil partnership services will be charged at the same rates as the analogous services for marriages.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs for business.