
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 649

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

The Consular Fees Order 2007

Made - - - - *6th March 2007*

Coming into force - - *1st April 2007*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 6th day of March 2007

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⁽¹⁾ 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 Order 2007 and shall come into force on 1 April 2007.

2. In this Order—

“biometric passport” means a passport which contains unique biological data specific to the holder;

“British overseas territory” means a territory as defined in section 50(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981⁽²⁾ and includes the territories listed in Schedule 6 to that Act;

“Crown Dependencies” means the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Isle of Man;

“consular officer” means any person authorised by the Secretary of State to exercise consular functions, or functions in the United Kingdom which correspond with consular functions (including persons who are not, as well as persons who are, consular officers);

“consular employee” means any person in the administrative or technical service of the consular post or diplomatic mission;

“consular premises” means the building or parts of buildings used for the purposes of the consular post or diplomatic mission;

“entry clearance” means a visa, entry certificate, entry permit or other document which, in accordance with the applicable immigration laws or rules, is to be taken as evidence of a

(1) 1980 c.23.

(2) 1981 c.61.

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person’s eligibility for entry into the United Kingdom, a Crown Dependency, a British overseas territory, or any other country or territory, as the case may be (but does not include a work permit);

“fast-track service” means an application made in person, either by the applicant or another person acting on behalf of the applicant, which is to be processed within seven days of that application having been made;

“fast-track collect service” means an application made in person, either by the applicant or by another person acting on behalf of the applicant, which is to be processed within seven days of that application having been made, and which permits the applicant or another person acting on behalf of the applicant to collect the passport in person;

“premium service” means an application made in person, either by the applicant or another person acting on behalf of the applicant, which is to be processed within twenty-four hours of that application having been made.

3. The fees set forth in the table in Schedule 1 to this Order are prescribed to be levied by consular officers and by marriage officers under the Foreign Marriage Act 1892 **(3)** and the Marriage with Foreigners Act 1906 **(4)** in the execution of their duties, and the said table shall be construed as part of this Order.

4. The statutory instruments listed in Schedule 2 to this Order are hereby revoked.

Christine Cook
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

(3) 1892 c.23.
(4) 1906 c.40.

SCHEDULE 1

TABLE OF CONSULAR FEES

PART 1

NOTARIAL AND KINDRED MATTERS

<i>Fee</i>	<i>£</i>
1. Preparing any certificate, declaration or document not otherwise provided for—	
(a) (a) in standard form, per copy	34.00
(b) (b) not in standard form, per 100 words—	
(i) in English	42.00
(ii) in any other language	67.00
2. Preparing or signing, or both, a declaration of existence—	16.50
Except in connection with pay or pensions payable by a department of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or of any other Government within the Commonwealth	
3.—(1) Attesting or legalising a signature or seal except where—	27.00
(a) the signature or seal is on a certificate or survey of foreign passenger ships running to or from the United Kingdom, or	
(b) the signature or seal is on a document required for the deposit or withdrawal of money in or from any British Post Office or other Government Savings Bank, or	
(c) the signature or seal is in connection with stocks or bonds on the registers of the Post Office, with Savings Bank annuities or with annuities	
(a) 1995 c.21.	
(b) 1890 c.37.	
(c) 1913 c.16.	

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<i>Fee</i>	<i>£</i>
granted direct by the National Debt Commissioners	
(2) Administering an oath or receiving a declaration or affirmation except where—	50.00
(a) the oath, declaration or affirmation is made under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 ^(a) or in connection with the loss of a passport, or	
(b) fee 17, 22, 23, 25, 34 or 35 is to be taken	
4. Supplying witnesses, for each witness	20.00
5. Initialling alterations in any document not prepared by the consular officer or marking exhibits, for each initialling or marking	10.00
6. Making or verifying (including certifying where necessary) a copy of a document—	
(a) (a) in typescript or made by photographic process outside the consular premises, for each page	34.00
(b) (b) by photographic process, if the copy is made in the consular premises, for each page (with a minimum charge of £17.50)	5.00
7. Uniting documents and sealing the fastening (except where fee 35 is applicable), or affixing a photograph to a document not prepared by the consular officer and if necessary certifying it (except where fee 17 is applicable)	20.00
8. Obtaining a legalisation or other certification from another authority upon any document	42.00
in addition to costs, if any	
(a) 1995 c.21.	
(b) 1890 c.37.	
(c) 1913 c.16.	

<i>Fee</i>	<i>£</i>
9. Supplying certified copies of documents forming part of the records of a court which is, or was formerly, established under the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts 1890 ^(b) and 1913 ^(c) — for every page	59.00
10. Making or verifying (including certifying where necessary) a translation in writing of a document or part of a document, for each 100 words or characters (or part thereof) in the foreign language—	
(a) (a) from or into Amharic, Chinese, Japanese or Korean (three Japanese <i>Kana</i> being counted as one character when used independently)	67.00
(b) (b) from or into any other language	42.00
except where fee 25 or 37 is to be taken	
11. Translating and interpreting <i>viva voce</i> (except where necessary for the performance of official duties)—	
for every 15 minutes	30.00
(a) 1995 c.21.	
(b) 1890 c.37.	
(c) 1913 c.16.	

PART II

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND KINDRED MATTERS

12. For applications made in the United Kingdom and irrespective of whether or not the passport issued is a biometric passport, issuing a passport of not more than 32 pages which includes replacing an expired passport, issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable, and

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issuing a new passport with amended personal details—

- (a) (a) for applications made by post
 - (i) where the applicant is aged 16 years and over 66.00
 - (ii) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) 45.00
- (b) (b) for applications made in person
 - (i) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the fast-track service 91.00
 - (ii) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the fast-track service 80.00
 - (iii) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the fast-track collect service 103.00
 - (iv) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the fast-track collect service 90.00
 - (v) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the premium service 108.00
 - (vi) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the premium service 93.00

12A. For applications made abroad, issuing a passport of not more than 32 pages which includes replacing an expired passport and issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable—

- (a) (a) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over 119.00
- (b) (b) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) 76.00

13. For applications made in the United Kingdom and irrespective of whether or not the passport issued is a biometric passport, issuing a

passport of 48 pages which includes replacing an expired passport, issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable and issuing a new passport with amended personal details—

(a) (a) for applications made by post 77.00

(b) (b) for applications made in person

(i) using the fast-track service 97.00

(ii) using the fast-track collect service 100.50

(iii) using the premium service 114.50

13A. For applications made abroad, issuing a passport of 48 pages which includes replacing an expired passport and issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable 144.00

14. Issuing a collective passport—

(a) (a) for applications made by post in the United Kingdom 39.00

(b) (b) for applications made in person in the United Kingdom 54.00

15. Amending or extending an existing passport where the application is made abroad 97.50

16.—(1) Receiving an application for entry clearance (other than for the United Kingdom or for the Crown Dependencies) 44.00

(2) Preparing or forwarding, or both, any letter, certificate, declaration or other document which may be required by an authority in any country or territory in connection with an application for or the issue or renewal of an entry clearance (for a country or territory for which the consular officer does not himself have authority to issue entry clearance), a residence 59.00

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permit or identity card or forwarding any other certificate or document (except a Home Office travel document and applications for registration and naturalisation)

(3) Preparing or forwarding, or both, an application for registration or naturalisation to the Home Office 59.00

17.—(1) Issuing and, where required, preparing an Emergency Passport or other document not otherwise provided for in lieu of a passport 55.50

(2) Issuing a Temporary Passport valid for not more than one year 70.50

18.—(1) Receiving, outside the United Kingdom, an application for—

(a) (a) a visa for passing through the United Kingdom without entering it 44.00

(b) (b) entry clearance for passing through the United Kingdom 44.00

(c) (c) entry clearance

(i) as a visitor, in each case for single, double and multiple entries valid for up to six months from the date of issue 63.00

(ii) for settlement 500.00

(iii) for marriage 500.00

(iv) as a student 99.00

(v) for any purpose other than those listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) and sub-paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) listed above 200.00

(d) (d) a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode 200.00

(2) The fees prescribed in paragraph (1) apply in relation to entry clearance for the Crown Dependencies as they apply in relation to entry clearances for the United Kingdom

(3) Receiving in the United Kingdom an application made in the United Kingdom for a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode 135.00

19. Renewing a Travel Certificate, a certificate of identity or other travel document on behalf of a Commonwealth country or of a dependency of a Commonwealth country 59.00
except where fee 21 is to be taken

20. Renewing a Travel Certificate, a certificate of identity or other travel document on behalf of a dependency of the United Kingdom 59.00
except where fee 21 is to be taken

21. Revalidating or renewing a Seaman's Certificate of Nationality and Identity or a Seaman's Identity Book 59.00
in addition to fee 16 where applicable

PART III

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

22. Receiving notice of an intended marriage or civil partnership or overseas relationship 59.00

23.—(1) Solemnising or attending a marriage under the Foreign Marriage Acts 1892^(d) and 1947^(e) administering oaths to the parties and registering the marriage 126.00

(d) 1892 c.23.

(e) 1947 c.33.

(f) S.I. 2005/2761.

(g) S.I. 1970/1539.

(h) S.I. 2005/2761.

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(2) Registration of a civil partnership under the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005^(f) 126.00

24. Issuing in English or in the local language a certificate that no impediment to an intended marriage or civil partnership has been shown to exist 59.00

25.—(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^(g), including the provision of any necessary certification 34.00

(2) Transmitting a record of an overseas relationship under the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005^(h), including the provision of any necessary certification 34.00

26. Issuing a “certificate de coutume” for an intended marriage or intended overseas relationship in accordance with the local law 59.00

27. Registering a birth or death in addition to fee 29 where applicable 92.00

28. Making an addition to or correction in the consular register of births, deaths, marriages or civil partnerships at the request of the parties concerned 34.00

29. Furnishing a certified copy of an entry in the consular register of births, deaths, marriages or civil partnerships in addition to fee 30 or fee 27 where applicable 59.00

(d) 1892 c.23.

(e) 1947 c.33.

(f) S.I. 2005/2761.

(g) S.I. 1970/1539.

(h) S.I. 2005/2761.

PART IV SEARCHES

30. Making a search in—

- (a) (a) the consular registers of births, 59.00
deaths, marriages or civil partnerships
where the number or date of entry is
not provided
- (b) (b) the records of the Identity and 14.00
Passport Service where the request
originates in the United Kingdom
- (c) (c) any other records or archives 103.00
of Her Majesty's Government in the
United Kingdom

in addition to fee 29 where applicable

31. Having a search made for, or obtaining 121.00
copies of, or both, entries in the local registers or
records not kept by a consular officer—
for an entry in a local register of
births, deaths, marriages or overseas
relationships or for any other document
in addition to costs exceeding £5.00
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PART V ESTATES

32. Administering in full or in part, 2% rounded to the nearest £10.00
safeguarding, or arranging the transmission of all
or part of the personal effects and other estate of
a deceased person or proceeds thereof, excepting
the wages and personal effects of a seaman and
except where the gross current market value is
less than £1,000, on the amount of the gross
current market value

but with a fee, where a local lawyer is 76.00
employed and the matters or things to be done
by the consular officer are nominal, of

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PART VI ATTENDANCES

33. Attending (except in connection with commercial enquiries) for each hour or lesser period, including if appropriate the time taken in proceeding from a reasonable point of departure and in returning to a reasonable point—

(a) (a) at the consular premises or 121.00
elsewhere during customary business hours except that where the attendance is for the purpose of supervising an examination and two or more persons are sitting examinations at the same time the fee may be apportioned between them

(b) (b) at the consular premises or 121.00
elsewhere outside customary business hours

with a maximum in any one period of 24 hours 870.00
for each consular officer of

PART VII MATTERS RELATING TO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

34. Presiding at the taking of evidence under a commission or order from a Court, including any matter or thing done by the consular officer as examiner—

(a) (a) for the first two hours or less on 241.00
the first day

(b) (b) for each additional hour or less 121.00

35. Providing evidence of service or 121.00
attempted service
in addition to fee 33 or 36

36. Providing the services of a consular officer or consular employee—

(a) (a) to assist the consular officer in the taking of evidence under a commission or order from a Court, for each such person—

for each hour or less 121.00

(b) (b) to effect or endeavour to effect service of a document, for each hour or shorter period elsewhere than at the consular premises—

during customary business hours 121.00

outside customary business hours 151.00

37. Forwarding a request to a local authority 121.00
for the taking of evidence or the service of a document, where necessary, certifying the accuracy of a translation accompanying the document

PART VIII

REPATRIATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

38. Arranging the repatriation of a person 121.00
or a group of persons of the same family and travelling together

39. Arranging for currency to be made 61.00
available against the payment of a sterling cheque or against the deposit elsewhere of funds with or to the order of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
in addition to fee 33 where applicable

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PART IX

SHIPPING, SEAMEN AND KINDRED MATTERS

40. Granting or considering whether to grant 352.00
a provisional certificate or registry, whether the
owner is a private individual or body corporate

41. Receiving a return of the birth or death 51.00
of any person on board a ship and endorsing the
agreement with the crew accordingly

42. Examining or arranging for the 51.00
examination of provisions or water, payable by
the party who proves to be in default
in addition to the cost, if any, of survey

43. Noting a marine protest and furnishing 42.00
one certified copy if required
for every further copy

44. Extending a marine protest, filing the
original and furnishing one certified copy if
required—

(a) (a) for any number of words up to 101.00
200, excluding the declaratory clause

(b) (b) for every subsequent 100 words 42.00
or less

in addition to fees 1 and 3 where
applicable

45. Making a request, or issuing or arranging
for the issue of a document, in connection with
a survey of a ship—

(a) (a) for the purposes of the 67.00
International Convention for the
Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS)
or of the International Convention for

(i) 1995 c. 21.

the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
1973 as modified by its Protocol of
1978 (MARPOL)

(b) (b) for any other purpose 121.00

in addition to fee 6 where applicable

46. Issuing a bill of health 42.00

47. Preparing or signing, or both, any 67.00
document, whether required by the Merchant
Shipping Acts or by the local authorities, relating
to the master or the members of the crew of a
ship, to their numbers, names or other details,
or to their engagement, discharge, desertion or
death

except where—

- (a) fee 41 is taken in addition to fee 33,
or
- (b) a death inquiry is held under
section 271 of the Merchant Shipping
Act 1995⁽ⁱ⁾

48. Signing and, if required, sealing any 67.00
documents at the request of the master of the ship

except where—

- (a) this is required under the Merchant
Shipping Act 1995, or
- (b) fee 47 is taken

49. Inspecting—

(a) (a) a ship's papers when required 50.00
to enable a consular officer to do any
matter or thing in respect of a ship

except where fee 47 is taken in
addition to fee 33

(b) (b) the marking of a ship, 50.00
irrespective of the number of visits

(i) 1995 c. 21.

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in addition to fee 33

(i) 1995 c. 21.

SCHEDULE 2

<i>Statutory Instruments revoked</i>	<i>References</i>
Consular Fees Order 2005	S.I. 2005/1465
Consular Fees (Civil Partnership) Order 2005	S.I. 2005/2762
Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2005	S.I. 2005/3182
Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2006	S.I. 2006/1912

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order revokes and replaces the Consular Fees Order 2005, the Consular Fees (Civil Partnership) Order 2005, the Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2005 and the Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2006.

The Order sets out fees to be charged for consular services.

The Order increases fees for services in relation to the services listed under the following parts to the Consular Fees Order:

Part I	Notarial and kindred matters - all fees.
Part II	Passports, visas and kindred matters - fees 12A, 13A, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 only.
Part III	Births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships - all fees.
Part IV	Searches - all fees.
Part V	Estates - all fees.
Part VI	Attendances - all fees.
Part VII	Matters relating to legal proceedings - all fees.
Part VIII	Repatriation and financial assistance - all fees.
Part IX	Shipping, seamen and kindred matters - all fees.

Most consular fees are increased, by amounts ranging from just under 30% to just over 40%.

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Overseas passport fees are increased from £91 to £119 (standard passport for those 16 years or over), from £59 to £76 (standard passport for those under 16) and from £109 to £144 (48-page passport). The fee for amending an existing passport abroad is increased from £75.50 to £97.50. The fee for issuing emergency passports is increased from £43.50 to £55.50 and temporary passports from £55 to £70.50.

Fees for visas other than for the United Kingdom or for the Crown Dependencies and transit visas are increased from £30 to £44 and for six month visit visas from £50 to £63. Fees for applications for settlement and marriage visas are increased from £260 to £500 and for student visas from £85 to £99. Fees for applications for any other form of visa and certificates of entitlement to the right of abode are increased from £85 to £200.