

2014 No. 1789

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) Order 2014

Made - - - - *7th July 2014*

Laid before Parliament *10th July 2014*

Coming into force - - *1st September 2014*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34(1) and 258(2) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (“the Act”)(**a**), and now vested in her(**b**), makes the following Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) Order 2014 and comes into force on 1st September 2014.

Fees payable

2. In respect of the matters set out in column 1 of Schedule 1, the fee specified in column 3 is payable to the person specified in column 4.

Revocations

3. The following Orders are revoked—

- (a) the Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) Order 2005(**c**);
- (b) the Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005(**d**);
- (c) the Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2010(**e**);
- (d) the Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2012(**f**).

Home Office
7th July 2014

James Brokenshire
Minister of State

(a) 2004 c. 33.
(b) Functions previously conferred on the Chancellor of the Exchequer in section 34(1) were transferred by articles 3(1) and 5(1) of, and paragraph 14(b) of Schedule 2 to, the Transfer of Functions (Registration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/678).
(c) S.I. 2005/1996.
(d) S.I. 2005/3167.
(e) S.I. 2010/440.
(f) S.I. 2012/761.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
	<i>Fee payable for—</i>	<i>Fee payable up until 1st September 2014</i>	<i>Fee payable from 1st September 2014</i>	<i>Fee payable to—</i>
1.	Attestation by an authorised person(a) of the necessary declaration(b)	£35.00	£35.00	The registration authority(c) to which a notice of proposed civil partnership (“the notice”) is given(d)
2.	Attendance of an authorised person at a place other than one provided by the registration authority, for the purpose of attesting the necessary declaration under— a) the procedure for house-bound persons; or b) the procedure for detained persons(e)	£46.00 £67.00	£47.00 £68.00	The registration authority to which the notice is given
3.	Attestation by an authorised person of the necessary declaration under the special procedure(f)	£3.00	£3.00	The registration authority to which the notice is given
4.	Application to shorten the waiting period(g)	£28.00	£28.00	The Registrar General (h)
5.	Issue of Registrar General’s licence(i)	£15.00	£15.00	The Registrar General
6.	Signing by the civil partnership registrar(j) of the civil partnership schedule(k)	£45.00	£46.00	The registration authority which designated that individual a civil partnership registrar
7.	Attendance of the civil partnership registrar for the purpose of signing the civil partnership schedule under—			The registration authority which designated that individual a civil

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- (a) See section 8(6) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (“the Act”) for the definition of “authorised person”.
 (b) See section 8(4) of the Act for the meaning of “the necessary declaration”. See section 8(3) of the Act for the requirement of an authorised person to attest the necessary declaration.
 (c) See section 28 of the Act for the definition of “registration authority”.
 (d) See section 8 of the Act for the requirement to give a notice of proposed civil partnership.
 (e) The procedures for house-bound and detained persons are set out in sections 18 and 19 of the Act respectively.
 (f) See section 21 of the Act.
 (g) See sections 11 and 12 of the Act.
 (h) See section 30 of the Act for the meaning of “Registrar General”.
 (i) See section 25 of the Act.
 (j) See section 29 of the Act for the meaning of “civil partnership registrar”.
 (k) See section 14 of the Act for the meaning of “civil partnership schedule”.

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	a) the procedure for house-bound persons b) the procedure for detained persons	£79.00 £86.00	£81.00 £88.00	partnership registrar
8.	Attendance of the civil partnership registrar in whose presence the Registrar General's licence is signed	£2.00	£2.00	The registration authority which designated that individual a civil partnership registrar
9.	For a certified copy(a) issued by a registration authority— a) when application is made at the time of the formation of the civil partnership b) in any other case	£4.00 £10.00	£4.00 £10.00	The registration authority
10.	For a certified extract(b) issued by a registration authority— a) when application is made at the time of the formation of the civil partnership b) in any other case	£4.00 £10.00	£4.00 £10.00	The registration authority
11.	For a certified copy or certified extract issued by the Registrar General(c)	£9.25	£9.25	The Registrar General
12.	On giving notice to a registration authority under the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005, article 17(2) (certificate of no impediment)(d)	£35.00	£35.00	The registration authority

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order consolidates all previous statutory instruments made under section 34(1) of the Act.

In addition, it increases some of the fees payable from 1st September 2014 in relation to the registration of civil partnerships. The Order specifies the amount of the fee, both before and after the 1st September 2014, and to whom it is payable.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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- (a) “Certified copy” is defined in regulation 2(1) of, and is issued by a registration authority in accordance with regulations 14 to 16 of, the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3176).
- (b) “Certified extract” is defined in regulation 2(1) of, and is issued by a registration authority in accordance with regulations 14 to 16 of those Regulations.
- (c) Certified copies and certified extracts are issued by the Registrar General in accordance with regulations 13, 15 and 16 of those Regulations.
- (d) S.I. 2005/2761; article 17(2) was amended by article 6 of S.I. 2014/1107.

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