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TOURISM

**The Grading Inspection of Certified Tourist Establishments
(Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

Made - - - - *18th July 2023*

Coming into operation- *15th August 2023*

The Department for the Economy^(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 20(1)(b) of The Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992^(b).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Grading Inspection of Certified Tourist Establishments (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 and shall come into operation on 15th August 2023.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

- (a) “grading inspection” means an inspection of a certified tourist establishment, conducted by an officer of the Board at the request of that proprietor, for the purposes of assigning a grade under the Board’s Quality Assurance Grading Scheme in exercise of its powers under Article 21 of The Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992; and
- (b) any reference to a hotel, guest house, bed and breakfast establishment, self-catering establishment, hostel, campus accommodation or guest accommodation, in relation to any grading inspection, shall be construed as a reference to an establishment falling within that particular relevant statutory category of tourist establishment for the purposes of that inspection.

Fees for grading inspections of certified tourist establishments

3. For the purposes of Article 20(1)(b) of The Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, the fee payable to the Board by the proprietor of the / any certified tourist establishment, in respect of a grading inspection of that establishment, shall be—

- (a) in the case of a hotel, £191 (plus VAT) per premises;
- (b) in the case of a guest house, £156 (plus VAT) per premises;
- (c) in the case of a bed and breakfast establishment, £156 (plus VAT) per premises;

(a) Formerly the Department of Economic Development (See Article 3(5) of The Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1))) and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (See Section 1(3), Section 1(11), and Schedule 1 of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))).

(b) See S.I. 1992/235 (N.I. 3).

- (d) in the case of a single unit self-catering establishment, £80 (plus VAT) per premises;
- (e) in the case of a multiple unit self-catering establishment:
 - (i) £80 (plus VAT) for the first unit; and
 - (ii) £25 (plus VAT) for each such additional unit within a five-mile radius of the first unit, up to a maximum of £500 (plus VAT);
- (f) in the case of a hostel, £158 (plus VAT) per premises;
- (g) in the case of campus accommodation, £158 (plus VAT) per premises; and
- (h) in the case of guest accommodation, £156 (plus VAT) per premises.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for the Economy on 18th July 2023.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made under Article 20(1)(b) of The Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. They prescribe the manner of calculating the fee payable to the Northern Ireland Tourist Board^(a) by the proprietor of a certified tourist establishment who has requested a grading inspection of that establishment be conducted by an officer of the Board.

The grading inspection is the assessment element of the Board's Quality Assurance Grading Scheme, designed to give certified tourist establishments a grading of between one to five stars. This Scheme operates under Article 21 of The Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

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