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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 893**

**The Social Workers Regulations 2018**

**PART 3**

Registration of social workers

**Fees for registration**

- 17.**—(1) The regulator may charge a fee in connection with—
- (a) an application for registration,
  - (b) an application for annotation under regulation 12(1),
  - (c) an application for renewal of registration,
  - (d) an application for restoration to the register.
- (2) Any fee charged by the regulator under paragraph (1)—
- (a) may be set at a level which exceeds the cost of dealing with the application in respect of which it is charged,
  - (b) must be set with a view to ensuring that, so far as possible, the regulator's fee income in any year does not exceed the regulator's expenses in the same year.
- (3) The regulator must make rules in relation to the charging of any fee under paragraph (1), setting out—
- (a) the amount of any fee payable,
  - (b) the time within which any fee is to be paid,
  - (c) the circumstances in which a fee—
    - (i) is not chargeable,
    - (ii) may be reduced,
    - (iii) may be refunded, in whole or in part, or
    - (iv) may be waived, and
  - (d) the steps the regulator may take in the event that a fee charged under paragraph (1) is not paid within the time set, including—
    - (i) refusing to make, annotate, renew or restore an entry,
    - (ii) removing an entry, or part of an entry, after first warning the registered social worker, and
    - (iii) recovery of the fee as a civil debt,provided that the rules may only allow the regulator to take such a step where the regulator considers it is reasonable to do so.
- (4) The regulator must pay any fee income received under this regulation to the Secretary of State, unless the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury directs otherwise.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Workers Regulations 2018, Section 17.