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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Non-Contentious Probate Fees Order 2004 ([S.I. 2004/3120](#)), the Court of Protection Fees Order 2007 ([S.I. 2007/1745](#)), the Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008 ([S.I. 2008/1053](#)), the Family Proceedings Fees Order 2008 ([S.I. 2008/1054](#)) and the Magistrates' Courts Fees Order 2008 ([S.I. 2008/1052](#)).

Articles 2, 3, 4 and 6 of this Order amend Schedule 1 to each of the Non-Contentious Probate Fees Order 2004, the Court of Protection Fees Order 2007, the Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008 and the Magistrates' Courts Fees Order 2008 to decrease certain fees payable in non-contentious probate matters and proceedings in the Court of Protection and civil proceedings (including civil proceedings in the Magistrates' Courts).

Articles 4 and 5 of this Order amend the Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008 and the Family Proceedings Fees Order 2008 to provide the Public Guardian with an exemption from paying application fees in proceedings under the Guardianship (Missing Persons) Act 2017 ([c. 27](#)).

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ and is published with an Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on <https://legislation.gov.uk>.