STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 230

BRITISH NATIONALITY

The British Nationality (Fees) Regulations 1984

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 41(2) and (3) of the British Nationality Act 1981**(a)**, I hereby make with the consent of the Treasury the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the British Nationality (Fees) Regulations 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1984.

(2) The British Nationality (Fees) Regulations 1982**(b)** are hereby revoked; but nothing in these Regulations shall affect the amount of any fee payable under the said Regulations of 1982 in respect of anything done in pursuance of an application or declaration of renunciation made before the coming into operation of these Regulations.

(3) In these Regulations "the Act" means the British Nationality Act 1981; and, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to a section shall be construed as a reference to a section contained in that Act.

2.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) below, a fee of £10 may be taken in respect of any application made to the Secretary of State under the Act, except an application under section 5.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) below, the fees specified in the Schedule to these Regulations may be taken in respect of things done in Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

Provided that no fee shall be taken under this Regulation for administering the oath of allegiance in a case where the oath is administered by a justice of the peace.

(a) 1981 c. 61.

(b) S.I. 1982/1011.

(3)(*a*) The fee payable in respect of—

(i) the registration of a person as a British citizen, British Dependent Territories citizen, British Overseas citizen or British subject; or

(ii) the grant to a person of a certificate of naturalisation as a British citizen or British Dependent Territories citizen,

together with the fee payable in respect of the application for such a registration or such a certificate, shall be payable on the submission of the application.

(*b*) The fee payable in respect of the registration of a declaration of renunciation of British citizenship, British Dependent Territories citizenship, British Overseas citizenship or British subject status shall be payable on the submission of the declaration of renunciation.

(4) Where a husband and wife apply at the same time for the grant of certificates of naturalisation as British citizens or British Dependent Territories citizens and are residing together at the time of the applications, the total fee payable in respect of the applications shall be the same as that for a single application and the total fee payable in respect of the grant of the certificates shall be the same as that for the grant of a single certificate.

(5) Where an application for the registration of a minor as a British citizen, British Dependent Territories citizen, British Overseas citizen or British subject is made at the same time as an application or applications under the same or any other provision of the Act for the registration of some other minor or minors having the same parent, the total fee payable in respect of the applications shall be the same as that for a single application and the total fee payable in respect of the registrations shall be the same as that for a single registration. In this paragraph "parent" includes a step-parent and an adoptive parent.

(6) Where a declaration of renunciation of British citizenship, British Dependent Territories citizenship, British Overseas citizenship or British subject status is made by a person at the same time as a declaration of renunciation by him of another such citizenship or status, the total fee payable in respect of the registration of the declarations shall be the same as that for the registration of a single declaration.

3.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2) below, fees paid under these Regulations shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund in accordance with Treasury directions.

(2) Fees paid in respect of the administration of the oath of allegiance for the purposes of the Act (Item 6 in the Schedule to these Regulations) shall be paid—

(*a*) in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, if the oath is administered by a commissioner for oaths or notary public, to the commissioner or notary public;

(*b*) in Scotland, if the oath is administered by a sheriff principal or sheriff, to the sheriff clerk or to any of his deputes, and, if by a notary public, to the notary public.

Leon Brittan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
29th February 1984.

We consent to these Regulations.

Alastair Goodlad,
Ian B. Lang,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

29th February 1984.

SCHEDULE Regulation 2(2)

TABLE OF FEES

Matter in which fee may be taken	Amount of fee
	£
1. Registration as a citizen or British subject, except under section 5, 9, 21 or 27(2)	45
2. Grant of a certificate of naturalisation as a citizen under section 6(1) or 18(1)	150
3. Grant of a certificate of naturalisation as a citizen under section 6(2) or 18(2)	45
4. Registration of a declaration of renunciation of citizenship or British subject status under section 12, 24, 29 or 34	10
5. Supplying a certified or other copy of a notice, certificate, order, declaration or entry given, granted or made under the Act or any of the former nationality Acts	10
6. Administering the oath of allegiance for the purposes of the Act	2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations re-enact the British Nationality (Fees) Regulations 1982 with amendments. The changes of substance are as follows:—

(*a*) a fee of £10 becomes payable for every application made to the Secretary of State under the British Nationality Act 1981, except one made under section 5 which relates to the acquisition of British citizenship by persons who are nationals of the United Kingdom for the purposes of the Community Treaties (Regulation 2(1));

(*b*) the fee for registration of an adult as a citizen or British subject, except under section 5, is reduced from £70 to £45 (Item 1 in the Schedule);

(*c*) the present £10 fee for registration of a minor as a citizen under section 9, 21 or 27(2) (right to registration by virtue of father's citizenship etc.) is abolished, but otherwise the fee for registration of a minor as a citizen or British subject is increased from £35 or reduced from £70 (depending on the circumstances) to £45 (Item 1 in the Schedule);

(*d*) the fee for naturalisation is reduced from £200 to £150 (from a total of £270 to a total of £150 where a husband and wife apply at the same time) and, in the case of an application on grounds of marriage, from £70 to £45 (Items 2 and 3 in the Schedule and Regulation 2(4));

(*e*) the fee for registration of a declaration of renunciation is reduced from £35 to £10 (Item 4 in the Schedule);

(*f*) the fee for supplying copies of certain documents is reduced from £15 to £10 (Item 5 in the Schedule).

Thus, taking into account the £10 application fee, the total fee payable on an application for registration becomes £55, except in the case of registration under section 9, 21 or 27(2) where it remains the same as at present at £10 or under section 5 where as at present there is no fee; and the total fee payable on an application for naturalisation becomes £160, except in the case of naturalisation on grounds of marriage where it becomes £55.

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