STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 1680

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2007

Made - - - - *13th June 2007*

Coming into force - - *4th October 2007*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of June 2007

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(1) of the Consular Fees Act 1980(**a**) is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2007 and shall come into force on 4th October 2007.

2. Schedule 1 to the Consular Fees Order 2007(**b**) shall be amended as follows—

(a) In Part 1, fee 6 (b) shall be replaced with the following—

"(b) by photographic process, if the copy is made in the consular premises, for each page (with a minimum charge of £25)	5"

(b) In Part II, fee 12 shall be replaced with the following—

"**12.** For applications made in the United Kingdom, issuing a passport of not more than 32 pages which includes replacing an expired passport, issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable, and issuing a new passport with amended personal details—			
(a)	for applications made by post		
	(i)	where the applicant is aged 16 years or over	72
	(ii)	where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years)	46
(b)	for applications made in person		
	(i)	where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the fast-track service	97
	(ii)	where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the fast-track service	81

(**a**) 1980 c.23.
(**b**) S.I. 2007/649.

(iii)	where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the fast-track collect service	109
(iv)	where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the fast-track collect service	91
(v)	where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the premium service	114
(vi)	where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the premium service	94”

(c) In Part II, fee 13 shall be replaced with the following—

“**13.** For applications made in the United Kingdom, issuing a passport of 48 pages which includes replacing an expired passport, issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable and issuing a new passport with amended personal details—		
(a)	for applications made by post in the United Kingdom	85
(b)	for applications made in person in the United Kingdom	
(i)	using the fast-track service	105
(ii)	using the fast-track collect service	109
(iii)	using the premium service	123”

(d) The following shall be inserted in Part IV, after Fee 30 (c)—

“(d) naturalisation or registration records kept by a consular officer	72”

(e) In Part IV, in fee 30 “in addition to fee 29 where applicable” shall be replaced with the following—

“in addition to fee 1(a) or 29 where applicable”	

Meriel McCullagh
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends Schedule 1 to the Consular Fees Order 2007.

This Order increases the minimum charge for making or verifying (including certifying where necessary) a copy of a document from £17.50 to £25.

This Order increases the fee for (i) issuing passports of not more than 32 pages in the United Kingdom to adults from £66 to £72 (postal) and from £91 to £97 (in person, fast-track service); (ii) issuing passports of not more than 32 pages in the United Kingdom to children from £45 to £46 (postal) and from £80 to £81 (in person, fast-track service); and (iii) issuing 48 page passports in the United Kingdom to adults from £77 to £85 (postal) and £97 to £105 (in person, fast-track service). The fees for fast-track collect and premium passport services have also increased.

These increases are made to cover the increased costs of providing consular assistance overseas to British passport holders.

This Order also introduces a fee of £72 for making searches in the naturalisation or registration records kept by a consular officer.

This Order also clarifies that the fees in fee 30 are in addition, not only to fee 29, but also now to fee 1(a), if applicable.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Consular Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Old Admiralty Building, London, SW1A 2PA and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website.

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