1981 No. 54

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . *26th February 1981*

Coming into operation . . . *1st April 1981*

The Department(**a**) of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 98 and 100 of the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

Revocation

2. The Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Amendment of fees

3. For Schedule 2 to the Friendly Societies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972(**d**) (as substituted by the Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980) there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

"SCHEDULE 2

Fees payable for registration and sundry other matters

	£
1. For the acknowledgment of registration of a society ...	130.00
2. For the acknowledgment of registration of a branch ...	52.00
3. The fees specified in this paragraph shall be payable only where the society or branch has irrevocably elected (by written notice sent to the Registrar) to pay those fees in lieu of the fee payable on the registration of an annual return as specified in paragraph 4.	
(*a*) For the acknowledgment of registration of an amendment of rules — if the amendment substitutes an entire set of rules for the existing set of rules	
where made by a society ...	90.00
where made by a branch ...	26.00
if the amendment does not substitute an entire set of rules for the existing set of rules (and including approval of name in the case of amendment effecting a change of name of a society)	
where made by a society ...	44.00
where made by a branch ...	12.00

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1970 c. 31 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 1980 No. 53
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 248

	£
(*b*) For the registration of a notice of change in the situation of the registered office—	
of a society ...	12.00
of a branch ...	6.00
(*c*) For a receipt issued in respect of a notice of appointment of a trustee or trustees—	
of a society ...	12.00
of a branch ...	6.00
4. For the registration of an annual return except where paragraph 3 applies—	
where it relates to a society ...	20.00
where it relates to a branch ...	6.00
5. For the registration of a copy of a special resolution—	
(1) where the special resolution relates to an amalgamation or a transfer of engagements and the society passing it has—	
(*a*) not more than 100 members ...	26.00
(*b*) more than 100 members but not more than 500 ...	39.00
(*c*) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000 ...	52.00
(*d*) more than 1,000 members ...	65.00
(2) where the special resolution relates to a conversion ...	65.00
6. For the appointment of an inspector or calling of a special meeting by the Registrar under section 76 of the Act ...	65.00
7. For the registration of an instrument of dissolution or alteration therein where the number of members of the society or branch—	
(*a*) does not exceed 100 ...	26.00
(*b*) exceeds 100 but does not exceed 500 ...	39.00
(*c*) exceeds 500 but does not exceed 1,000 ...	52.00
(*d*) exceeds 1,000 ...	65.00
8. For the reference of a dispute to the Registrar ...	3.00
9. For the determination of the Registrar on a dispute or for the award of the Registrar for dissolution where the matter is settled without a hearing or upon one hearing without an adjournment ...	17.00
10. Where on a dispute or on an application for an award of dissolution more than one hearing is required or where the hearing is adjourned—	
the same fee as where the matter is settled upon one hearing without adjournment and in addition for every hearing after the first and for every adjournment ...	17.00
11. For an award or direction of the Registrar for the appropriation or division of the assets of a society or branch, an additional fee as follows—	
where the value of the assets is less than £300, 23% of that value;	
where the value of the assets is £300 or more, £70 with an additional £4.50 for every £100 or part thereof in excess of £300.	
12. Where application is made for an investigation into the affairs of a society or branch with a view to an award of dissolution thereof, such further fee shall be paid not exceeding—	

	£
where the number of members does not exceed 150 ...	191.00
where the number of members exceeds 150 but does not exceed 250 ...	255.00
where the number of members exceeds 250 but does not exceed 350 ...	319.00
where the number of members exceeds 350 but does not exceed 500 ...	383.00
where the number of members exceeds 500 but does not exceed 700 ...	575.00
where the number of members exceeds 700 but does not exceed 1,000 ...	767.00
where the number of members exceeds 1,000 but does not exceed 2,500, £767 for the first 1,000 members and £160 for every 500 members, or part thereof, exceeding 1,000 members, subject to a maximum fee of £1,500.	

13. For every inspection on the same day of documents in the custody of the Registrar relating to one and the same society or branch ... 1.50

14. For every document (except as otherwise provided) required to be signed by the Registrar, not chargeable with any other fee to the Registrar... 6.00
provided that such fee shall not be paid by a society or branch which has not by notice elected to pay the fees specified in paragraph 3.

15. For a copy or extract of any document in the custody of the Registrar, not exceeding 216 words, £3, and if exceeding that number, 70p for every additional folio of 72 words (in addition to the fee for the signature of the Registrar) provided that where a photocopy is supplied the fee charged therefor may be of an amount less than the fee payable on the basis of word content.

16. For any document certified as a true copy of a document in the custody of the Registrar, where the copy so certified is not made by the Registrar, £1.40 for the examination of such copy, and if the copy exceeds 216 words, for every additional folio of 72 words, 28p (in addition to the fee for the signature of the Registrar).

17. No fee shall be payable in respect of the examination or authentication of copies of rules or amendments of rules to be used for recording under regulation 5 of the Friendly Societies (Great Britain Societies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(a), or for the signature of the Registrar upon such recording."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 26th February 1981.

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(a) S.R. 1975 No. 29

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations substantially increase the fees to be paid for matters transacted under the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970, and for the inspection and the furnishing of copies or extracts of documents. They supersede the Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980.