1990 No. 409

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made . . . . . *26th November 1990*

Coming into operation . . *1st January 1991*

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 98(1) and 100(1) of the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**) and now vested in it(**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) 1990 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1991.

Amendment of fees

2. For Schedule 2(**c**) to the Friendly Societies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972(**d**) there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

"SCHEDULE 2 regulation 17

Scale of fees payable for the inspection, or the furnishing of copies, of documents in the custody of the registrar or in connection with the exercise by the registrar of any of his functions under the Act.

Note: Where appropriate, previous fees are shown in brackets.

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1. For the acknowledgement of registration of a society	310	(290)
2. For the acknowledgement of registration of a branch	120	(110)
3. For the registration of an annual return:		
where it relates to a society	55	(50)
where it relates to a branch	20	(17·50)

(**a**) 1970 c. 31 (N.I.) to which there are amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations
(**b**) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4
(**c**) As substituted by S.R. 1989 No. 230
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 248

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4. 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	60	(55)
(*b*) more than 100 members but not more than 500	85	(80)
(*c*) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000	110	(100)
(*d*) more than 1,000 members	140	(130)
(2) where the special resolution relates to a conversion	140	(130)
5. For the appointment of an inspector or calling of a special meeting by the registrar under section 76 of the Act	155	(145)
6. For the registration of an instrument of dissolution or alteration therein where the society or branch has:		
(*a*) not more than 100 members	60	(55)
(*b*) more than 100 members but not more than 500	85	(80)
(*c*) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000	110	(100)
(*d*) more than 1,000 members	140	(130)
7. For the reference of a dispute to the registrar	10	(10)
8. 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	38	(35)
9. 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	38	(35)
10. On every direction of the registrar for the division or appropriation of the assets of a society or branch:		
where the value of the assets is £1,000 or less, 19 per cent. (18 per cent.) of that value;		
where the value of the assets exceeds £1,000, £190 (£180) with an additional £10 for every £100 or part thereof in excess of £1,000.		

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11. Where application is made for an investigation into the affairs of a society or branch with a view to an award of dissolution thereof, an additional fee shall be paid as follows: where the number of members is—		
(a) not more than 150	420	(395)
(b) more than 150 but not more than 250	555	(520)
(c) more than 250 but not more than 350	690	(645)
(d) more than 350 but not more than 500	830	(775)
(e) more than 500 but not more than 700	1,250	(1,170)
(f) more than 700 but not more than 1,000	1,670	(1,560)
(g) more than 1,000, £1,620 (£1,515) for the first 1,000 members and £315 (£295) for every 500 members, or part thereof, exceeding 1,000 members, subject to a maximum fee of £3,200 (£2,990).		
12. For every inspection on the same day of documents on the file kept by the registrar under regulation 16 (that is to say the file containing the registered rules and annual returns of a society or branch with other documents required to be filed thereon) relating to the same society or branch	3·50	(3·20)

13. For a photocopy or extract of any document on a file kept as aforesaid, 20p (15p) per photocopied sheet.

14. For a document certified as a true copy of a document on a file kept as aforesaid:

where the copy so certified is not made by the registrar, £3·50 (£3·20) for the examination of the first page of such a copy and for every additional page or part page 55p (50p);

where a photocopy is prepared by the registrar, 20p (15p) per photocopied page.

15. A fee shall not be payable in respect of the examination or authentication of copies of rules or any amendment 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.''.

(**a**) S.R. 1975 No. 29

Revocation

3. The Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**a**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 26th November 1990.

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(a) S.R. 1989 No. 230

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations supersede the Friendly Societies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989.

The Regulations generally increase by between 6% and 10% the fees to be paid for matters transacted under the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 and for the inspection of documents in the custody of the registrar of friendly societies. However there have been higher percentage increases in the fees for the registration of an annual return of a branch of a society (14%) and for the provision of a photocopy or extract of a document held on a public file (33%). The fee for the reference of a dispute to the registrar has not been increased.