STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 2001

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1977

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The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 104(1) of the Friendly Societies Act 1974(**a**) and by article 2 of the Friendly Societies (Fees) Order 1971(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1977, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Friendly Societies Regulations 1975(**d**) shall be amended by substituting for Schedule 2 thereto the following Schedule:

Regulation 16

SCHEDULE 2

FEES PAYABLE FOR REGISTRATION AND SUNDRY OTHER MATTERS

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1. For the acknowledgment of registration of a society (except as hereinafter provided)	50.00
2. For the acknowledgment of registration of a branch	20.00
3. For registration of an annual return (except where the society or branch concerned has by written notice sent to the Central Office or the Assistant Registrar for Scotland irrevocably elected to pay the fees specified in paragraph 4 of this Schedule)—	
where it relates to a society	7.50
where it relates to a branch	2.50
4. The fees specified in this paragraph shall be payable where the society or branch concerned has by notice elected as aforesaid:	
(a) for the acknowledgment of registration of an amendment of rules (and including approval of name in the case of an amendment effecting a change of name of a society or branch)—	
if the amendment substitutes an entire set of rules for the existing set of rules (except as hereinafter provided)	
where made by a society	35.00
where made by a branch	10.00

(**a**) 1974 c. 46.
(**b**) S.I. 1971/1900 (1971 III, p. 5155).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1975/205 (1975 I, p. 507).

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if the amendment does not substitute an entire set of rules for the existing set of rules	
where made by a society	17.50
where made by a branch	5.00
(b) For the acknowledgment of registration of a notice of change in the situation of the registered office—	
of a society	5.00
of a branch	2.50
(c) For a receipt issued in respect of a notice of appointment of trustee or trustees—	
of a society	5.00
of a branch	2.50
5. For the registration of a special resolution—	
(1) where the special resolution relates to an amalgamation of a transfer of engagements and the society passing it has—	
(a) 100 members or less	10.00
(b) more than 100 members but not more than 500	15.00
(c) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000 ...	20.00
(d) more than 1,000 members	25.00
(2) where the special resolution relates to a conversion...	25.00
6. For the appointment of an inspector or calling of a special meeting by a Registrar under section 90 of the Friendly Societies Act 1974 ...	25.00
7. For registration of an instrument of dissolution or alteration therein where a society or branch has—	
(a) 100 members or less	10.00
(b) more than 100 members but not more than 500	15.00
(c) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000	20.00
(d) more than 1,000 members	25.00
8. For a reference of a dispute to the Registrar...	1.25
9. For the determination of a Registrar on a dispute or for the award of a Registrar for dissolution where the matter is settled without a hearing or upon one hearing without an adjournment	6.25
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	6.25
11. For the award or direction of a Registrar for the appropriation or division of assets of a society or branch, an additional fee as follows:—	
where the value of the assets is less than £300, 9 per cent of that value; where the value of the assets is £300 or more, £27.00 with an additional £1.80 for every £100 or part thereof in excess of £300.	

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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, the Chief Registrar may, if he thinks fit, at any time before making his award require the payment of such further fee as he may deem reasonable not exceeding—	
where the number of members does not exceed 150	75.00
where the number of members exceeds 150 members but does not exceed 250	100.00
where the number of members exceeds 250 but does not exceed 350...	125.00
where the number of members exceeds 350 but does not exceed 500...	150.00
where the number of members exceeds 500, but does not exceed 700...	225.00
where the number of members exceeds 700, but does not exceed 1,000	300.00
where the number of members exceeds 1,000, but does not exceed 2,500, £300 for the first 1,000 members and £62.50 for every 500 members or part thereof, exceeding 1,000 members	
Where the number of members exceeds 2,500 a special fee may be determined by the Chief Registrar.	
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	0.50
14. For every document (except as otherwise provided) required to be signed by a Registrar, or to bear the seal of the Central Office, not chargeable with any other fee to the Registrar	2.50
provided that such fee shall not be paid by a society or branch which has not by notice elected as in paragraph 4 of this Schedule.	

15. For a copy or extract of any document in the custody of the Registrar, not exceeding 216 words, £1, and if exceeding that number, 25p per folio of 72 words, in addition to the fee for the signature of a Registrar, or for the seal of the Central Office: 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, 50p for the examination of such copy, and if the copy exceeds 216 words, for every additional folio of 72 words, 10p (in addition to the fee for the signature of a Registrar, or seal of the Central Office).

17. The fee for the acknowledgment of registration of a society registered as a working men's club the rules of which are in the form of model rules, where the application for the registration is made through and endorsed by the association or body which has sponsored the rules contained in the said model, shall be £35.

18. The fee for the acknowledgment of registration of an amendment of rules of a society registered as a working men's club, being a substitution of an entire set of rules for the existing set of rules, where the entire set of rules are in the form of model rules and where the application for registration is made through and endorsed by the association or body which has sponsored the rules contained in the said model, shall be £25.

The Chief Registrar may at his discretion reduce or waive the fee for an award on a dispute.

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 Section 10 of the Friendly Societies Act 1974.

3. The Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1976(a) are hereby revoked.

T. E. Graham,

Donald R. Coleman,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

1st December 1977.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase the fees to be paid for matters to be transacted, and for the inspection of documents, under the Friendly Societies Act 1974. They supersede the Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1976. The fees payable on the reference of a dispute to the Registrar and for his award remain unchanged.

(a) S.I. 1976/353 (1976 I, p. 996).

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