1988 No. 449

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1988

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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. These Regulations may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1988 and shall come into force on 1st April 1988.

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

"SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 16

FEES PAYABLE FOR REGISTRATION AND SUNDRY OTHER MATTERS

	£
1. For the acknowledgement of registration of a society (except as hereinafter provided)	275
2. For the acknowledgement of registration of a branch	100
3. For the 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):	
(a) in the case of an annual return for a year of account ended on or before 31st December 1987–	
where it relates to a society	40
where it relates to a branch	13.50
(b) in the case of an annual return for any subsequent year of account–	
where it relates to a society	45
where it relates to a branch	15
4. The fees specified in this paragraph shall be payable where the society or branch concerned has by notice elected as aforesaid:	
For the acknowledgement or 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)	

(a) 1974 c.46. **(b)** S.I. 1971 1900. **(c)** S.I. 1975 205, amended by S.I. 1987 392.

SCHEDULE – *continued*

	£
if the amendment substitutes an entire set of rules for the existing set of rules (except as hereinafter provided)	
where made by a society	180
where made by a branch	50
if the amendment does not substitute an entire set of rules for the existing set of rules	
where made by a society	85
where made by a branch	25
(b) For the acknowledgement of registration of a notice of change in the situation of the registered office–	
of a society	23
of a branch	12.50
(c) For a receipt issued in respect of a notice of appointment of trustee or trustees–	
of a society	23
of a branch	12.50
5. For the registration 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) 100 members or less	50
(b) more than 100 members but not more than 500	75
(c) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000	95
(d) more than 1,000 members	120
(2) where the special resolution relates to a conversion	120
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	135
7. For a registration of an instrument of dissolution or alteration therein where a society or branch has–	
(a) 100 members or less	50
(b) more than 100 members but not more than 500	75
(c) more than 500 members but not more than 1,000	95
(d) more than 1,000 members	120
8. For a reference of a dispute to the Registrar	7.50
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	31
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	31
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 £600, 22 per cent of that value;	
where the value of the assets is £600 or more, £130 with an additional £8 for every £100 or part thereof in excess of £600.	
12. Where an 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	370
where the number of members exceeds 150 but does not exceed 250	490
where the number of members exceeds 250 but does not exceed 350	605
where the number of members exceeds 350 but does not exceed 500	730
where the number of members exceeds 500 but does not exceed 700	1,100
where the number of members exceeds 700 but does not exceed 1,000	1,465
where the number of members exceeds 1,000, £1,430 for the first 1,000 members and £275 for every 500 members or part thereof, exceeding 1,000 members, subject to a maximum fee of £2,700.	

13. For the inspection on any particular day of documents relating to a single society or branch 3

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 15

    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 the provision of a copy of the whole of or an extract from any document–

    (a) where the copy is a photocopy and is not certified as a true copy of a document in the custody of the Registrar (except as may be necessary for the examination of the copy)–

        (i) where the copy does not exceed 5 pages, or for the first 5 pages of a copy which exceeds 5 pages 0.85

        (ii) for every page of a copy after the fifth page 0.15

    (b) where the copy is not a photocopy and is not so certified–

        (i) where the copy does not exceed 216 words, or for the first 216 words of a copy which exceeds 216 words 6.10

        (ii) for each complete folio of 72 words by which a copy exceeds 216 words 1.20

    (c) where the copy, whether a photocopy or not, is certified as provided in subparagraph (a) above (as an addition to whatever fee would be payable if the copy were not so certified and the fee for the signature of a Registrar or the seal of the Central Office) 3

16. The fee for the acknowledgement 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 £150.

17. The fee for the acknowledgement 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 is 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 £105.

18. 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 1987**(a)** are hereby revoked.

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8th March 1988 — Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

(a) S.I. 1987/392.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations supersede the Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1987. They generally increase by about 6% the fees to be paid for matters to be transacted and for the inspection of documents under the Friendly Societies Act 1974. However, fees for registration of a society using model rules remain unchanged at £150, and certain other fees remain unchanged.

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