STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 985

POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*7th September 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*9th September 2026*
Coming into force - -	*5th October 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 112(1)(b), 113A(1)(b), 113B(1)(b), 116A(4)(b) and (5)(b) and 125(1), (1A) and (5) of the Police Act 1997(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 5th October 2026.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendments to the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002

2.—(1) The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002(**b**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3A (fee for criminal conviction certificates), for "£21.50" substitute "£20".

(3) In regulation 4(1) (fees for criminal record certificates and enhanced criminal record certificates)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "£21.50" substitute "£20";

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), for "£49.50" substitute "£41".

(4) In regulation 6(1) (fees for requesting up-date information(**c**) under section 116A of the Police Act 1997)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "£16" substitute "£15";

(**a**) 1997 c. 50; section 112(1)(b) was substituted in Scotland by S.S.I. 2006/50 leaving the original in force in England and Wales and section 112 was amended by S.I. 2012/3006. There are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Sections 113A and 113B were inserted by section 163(2) of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15) and amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26), by section 80(1) of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (c. 9) and by S.I. 2012/3006. Section 116A was inserted by section 83 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. Section 125 was amended by S.I. 2005/3496. There are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(**b**) S.I. 2002/233. Regulation 3A was inserted by S.I. 2014/239 and amended by S.I. 2019/1107, 2022/303 and 2024/1111. Regulation 4 was substituted by S.I. 2020/359 and amended by S.I. 2022/303 and 2024/1111. Regulation 6 was inserted by S.I. 2013/1194 and amended by S.I. 2024/1111.

(**c**) See section 116A(8) for the definition of "up-date information".

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), for "£16" substitute "£15".

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Home Office

7th September 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the prescribed fees in the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/233).

Regulation 2 amends the fee for criminal conviction certificates (also known as basic certificates), criminal record certificates (also known as standard certificates), enhanced criminal record certificates and requesting up-date information under section 116A of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50).

The amended fees apply to applications for basic certificates, standard certificates, enhanced criminal record certificates and the up-date service in England and Wales.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.

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