STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 153

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, ENGLAND

The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*23rd February 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*25th February 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2026*

The Secretary of State for Education makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 87D(2) and 104(4)(a) of the Children Act 1989(**a**), sections 12(2), 15(3), 16(3) and 118(5) and (6) of the Care Standards Act 2000(**b**) and sections 155(1) and (2), and 181(2)(a) and (b) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006(**c**).

PART 1

Introductory

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1st April 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

(**a**) 1989 c. 41. Section 87D was inserted by section 108 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14). See section 87(10) for the definition of "appropriate authority" and sections 87(11) and (12) for the definition of "relevant person".

(**b**) 2000 c. 14. Section 12(2) was amended by section 105(3) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43) ("the 2003 Act") and by paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14) ("the 2008 Act"). Section 15(3) was amended by paragraph 14(b) of Schedule 5 to the 2008 Act. Section 16(3) was substituted by section 105(6) of the 2003 Act and amended by paragraph 15 of Schedule 5 to the 2008 Act. Sections 12(2), 15(3) and 16(3) were applied to a person who carries on or manages a supported accommodation undertaking by regulation 3(1) and 3(2)(b), (d) and (e) of S.I. 2022/808. See section 121 for the definitions of "prescribed" and "regulations".

(**c**) 2006 c. 40. See sections 147(3) and 155(12) for the definition of "relevant function" in relation to a local authority. Section 181(2) was amended so far as applicable to Wales by section 23(3)(b) of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 (nawm 2).

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, "the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations" means the Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2015(**a**).

PART 2

Amendments to the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations

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3. The Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations are amended in accordance with the following provisions of this Part.

Amendment to regulation 19

4. In regulation 19 (boarding schools, residential colleges and residential special schools)—

(a) in paragraph (2)(b) and (c), for "10" substitute "8";

(b) in paragraph (2)(b)(ii), for "10th" substitute "8th";

(c) in paragraph (3)(b) and (c), for "9" substitute "6";

(d) in paragraph (3)(b)(ii), for "9th" substitute "6th".

Amendment to regulation 23

5. In regulation 23 (children's homes)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(b) and (c), for "11" substitute "8";

(b) in paragraph (1)(b)(ii), for "11th" substitute "8th".

Substitution of certain fees payable under the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations

6. In each provision of the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations specified in column 1 of the table in the Schedule, for the amount specified in column 2 (old fee) substitute the amount specified in column 3 (new fee).

Josh MacAlister
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23rd February 2026

(**a**) S.I. 2015/551, amended by S.I. 2017/245, 2018/246, 2019/835, 2020/445, 253, 2021/261, 1019, 2022/196, 2023/276, 416, 2024/315 and 2025/266.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 6

Substitution of certain fees payable under the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations

Provision of the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations (1)	Old Fee (2)	New Fee (3)
Regulation 4 (registration fees: voluntary adoption agencies)		
Paragraph (1)(b)(ii)	£1161	£1393
Paragraph (2)(a)	£1161	£1393
Paragraph (2)(b)(ii)	£1161	£1393
Regulation 5 (registration fees: adoption support agencies)		
Paragraph (2)	£1161	£1393
Regulation 6 (registration fees: children's homes)		
Paragraph (1)	£4610	£4780
Paragraph (2)	£1672	£2006
Regulation 7 (registration fees: residential family centres)		
Paragraph (2)	£1395	£1674
Regulation 9A (registration fees: supported accommodation undertakings)		
Paragraph (1)	£3600	£4320
Paragraph (2)	£4600	£5520
Regulation 12 (variation fees: voluntary adoption agencies)		
Paragraph (3)	£193	£231
Regulation 13 (variation fees: adoption support agencies)		
Paragraph (3)	£193	£231
Regulation 14 (variation fees: children's homes)		
Paragraph (3)	£279	£334
Regulation 15 (variation fees: residential family centres)		
Paragraph (3)	£231	£277
Regulation 16 (variation fees: fostering agencies)		
Paragraph (2)	£279	£334
Regulation 16A (variation fees: supported accommodation undertakings)		
Paragraph (2)	£253	£303
Regulation 19 (annual fees: boarding schools, residential colleges and residential special schools)		

Provision of the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations (1)	Old Fee (2)	New Fee (3)
Paragraph (1)(a)	£1467	£1760
Paragraph (1)(b)(i)	£1467	£1760
Paragraph (1)(b)(ii)	£88	£105
Paragraph (c)	£2305	£2766
Paragraph (d)	£3225	£3870
Paragraph (e)	£3427	£3930
Paragraph (2)(a)	£1952	£2342
Paragraph (2)(b)(i)	£1952	£2342
Paragraph (2)(b)(ii)	£120	£144
Paragraph (2)(c)	£2881	£3123
Paragraph (3)(a)	£3591	£4309
Paragraph (3)(b)(i)	£3591	£4309
Paragraph (3)(b)(ii)	£358	£429
Regulation 20 (annual fees: voluntary adoption agencies)		
Paragraph (1)(a)	£2943	£3069
Paragraph (1)(b)(i)	£2943	£3069
Paragraph (1)(b)(ii)	£1561	£1873
Paragraph (2)(a)	£1561	£1873
Paragraph (2)(b)(i)	£2943	£3069
Paragraph (2)(b)(ii)	£1561	£1873
Regulation 23 (annual fees: children's homes)		
Paragraph (1)(a)	£4492	£5390
Paragraph (1)(b)(i)	£4492	£5390
Paragraph (1)(b)(ii)	£447	£536
Paragraph (1A)(a)	£6738	£8085
Paragraph (1A)(b)(i)	£6738	£8085
Paragraph (1A)(b)(ii)	£447	£536
Regulation 26A (annual fees: supported accommodation undertakings)		
Paragraph (1)	£3240	£3888
Paragraph (2)	£3600	£4320

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply in England only, amend the Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/551) ("the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations").

Part 2 amends the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations.

Regulation 4 amend regulations 19 of the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations to lower the approved places threshold in respect of which a residential college or residential special school must pay a higher annual fee from between 4–10 places, to between 4–8 places (residential college) and from between 4–9 places, to between 4–6 places (residential special school).

Regulation 5 amends regulation 23 of the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations to lower the approved places threshold in respect of which a children's home must pay a higher annual fee from between 4–11 places, to between 4–8 places.

Regulation 6 and the Schedule amend the Fees and Frequency of Inspections Regulations in respect of fees, setting out the new fees payable in respect of various settings under Parts 2, 3 and 4 of those Regulations.

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

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