EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The effect of these Regulations is to increase the fees payable in Scotland to the Registrar General or Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for certain registration and other services specified in the Schedule to the Regulations.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

1958 No. 646

The Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) Regulations, 1958

Made - - - - 14*th April*, 1958
Coming into Operation 15*th April*, 1958

The Treasury, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section twenty of the Representation of the People Act, 1949(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. A returning officer at a parliamentary election in England or Wales shall be entitled to his reasonable charges, not exceeding the sums specified in the Scale set out in the Schedule to these Regulations, in respect of services and expenses of the several kinds mentioned in the said Scale which have been properly rendered or incurred by him for the purposes of or in connection with that parliamentary election:

Provided that no charge for a disbursement shall exceed the sum actually and necessarily paid or payable by the returning officer.

2. These Regulations shall have effect in relation to all parliamentary elections begun after the 14th day of April, 1958.

3. The Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) Regulations, 1950(b), and the Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952(c), are hereby revoked :

Provided that nothing in this revocation shall affect any parliamentary election begun before the 15th day of April, 1958, and the said Regulations shall be deemed to continue in force for the purposes of any parliamentary election so begun.

4.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) Regulations, 1958.

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

5. These Regulations shall come into force on the 15th day of April, 1958.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1958.

Martin Redmayne,
Edward Wakefield,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68. (b) S.I. 1950/769 (Rev. XX p. 153: 1950 II, p. 651).
(c) S.I. 1952/1094 (1952 III, p. 2385). (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

SCHEDULE

SCALE OF MAXIMUM CHARGES IN RESPECT OF SERVICES RENDERED AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY A RETURNING OFFICER AT A PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

	£	s.	d.
A. For services of returning officers			
I. In a contested election:—			
(i) Fee for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a returning officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to parliamentary elections (other than any duties in connection with voting by persons entitled to vote by post and the preparation and issue of the official poll cards, for which separate fees are prescribed by this scale):—			
(*a*) For each county constituency:—			
If the number of registered parliamentary electors does not exceed 50,000	108	0	0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 50,000 up to 60,000		14	0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 60,000		12	0
(*b*) For each borough constituency:—			
If the number of registered parliamentary electors does not exceed 50,000	96	0	0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 50,000 up to 60,000		14	0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 60,000		12	0
Provided that the fee payable under (*b*) to a returning officer responsible for more than three borough constituencies shall be reduced as follows:—			
For each constituency exceeding three but not exceeding six, a reduction of	24	0	0
For each constituency exceeding six, a reduction of ...	36	0	0
(ii) Fee for services in connection with the dispatch and receipt of the ballot papers of persons entitled to vote by post:—			
For each county or borough constituency:—			
If the number of persons entitled to vote by post in the constituency does not exceed 500	6	0	0
For each additional 50 or fraction thereof beyond 500 up to 2,000		4	0
For each additional 50 or fraction thereof beyond 2,000 ...		1	3
II. In an uncontested election:—			
One-third of the sum prescribed under Part I (i) above for a contested election.			
III. Fee for services in connection with the preparation, maintenance and issue of official poll cards:—			
(i) For each county constituency:—			
(*a*) For the preparation, the first annual revision and the issue of the cards on the occasion of an election	36	0	0
(*b*) For each annual revision after the first prior to the issue of the cards	12	0	0

	£ s. d.
(ii) For each borough constituency for which the same returning officer is responsible:—	
(*a*) For the preparation, the first annual revision and the issue of the cards on the occasion of an election:—	
For each constituency not exceeding three	36 0 0
For each constituency exceeding three but not exceeding six	24 0 0
For each constituency exceeding six	18 0 0
(*b*) For each annual revision after the first prior to the issue of the cards	12 0 0

IV. Where the general duties of a returning officer are performed by an acting returning officer the above fees shall be paid to such acting returning officer and shall include any payments made to a deputy acting returning officer for the discharge of any duties of an acting returning officer which may be assigned to him.

B. Disbursements

	In a County constituency	In a borough constituency
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. In a contested election:—		
1. For the presiding officer employed at a polling station, to include all expenses other than any travelling and overnight subsistence expenses authorised by this scale ... ... In addition to the above fee, a further sum, not exceeding 10s. 6d., may be paid to not more than one presiding officer employed at any one polling place provided that the total number of voters assigned to such polling place is not less than 3,000. In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling place or polling station, absent voters, other than those for whom proxies have been appointed, must be excluded.	6 6 0	6 6 0
2. (*a*) For one clerk at each polling station where not more than 700 voters are assigned to such station	3 15 0	3 15 0
(*b*) For an additional whole-time or part-time clerk at a polling station, for every 600 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 700 assigned to such station, within a maximum of	3 15 0	3 15 0
(*c*) In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling station, absent voters, other than those for whom proxies have been appointed, must be excluded.		
3. For the employment of persons in connection with the preparation and issue of the official poll cards, including charges for employer's share of national insurance and superannuation contributions where payable:—		
(*a*) For the initial preparation of the cards:—		
For each 100 cards or fraction thereof prepared	8 0	5 0
(*b*) For each annual revision of the cards on the occasion of the publication of a new register:—		
(i) For each 100 cards or fraction thereof originally prepared under (*a*) above...	1 0	1 0

	In a County constituency	In a borough constituency
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(ii) For each 100 new cards or fraction thereof prepared	8 0	5 0
Provided that, if the number of new cards prepared does not exceed 15 per cent. of the number originally prepared, the total allowance prescribed in (i) and (ii) above shall be increased by 5 per cent.		
(*c*) In the event of a complete re-writing of any section of the cards being approved and carried out at a time other than the annual revision:—		
For each 100 new cards or fraction thereof prepared	8 0	5 0
(*d*) For the completion and issue of the cards on the occasion of an election:—		
For each 100 cards or fraction thereof issued	4 0	3 6
(*e*) The sum of the various provisions under (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) above shall be regarded as the maximum allowance available for all stages of the poll card work.		
4. For the employment of persons in connection with the count and the ballot papers of electors entitled to vote by post, and for all clerical and other assistance employed by the acting returning officer or deputy acting returning officer for the purposes of the election, including charges for employer's share of national insurance and superannuation contributions where payable:—		
(*a*) If the number of registered parliamentary electors in the constituency does not exceed 50,000	215 0 0	195 0 0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 50,000	3 5 0	3 5 0
(*b*) For each 100 persons or fraction thereof entitled to vote by post	3 0 0	3 0 0
(*c*) In the event of a recount of the votes being ordered:—		
For each recount...	25 0 0	25 0 0
5. Returning or acting returning officer's or deputy acting returning officer's travelling and overnight subsistence expenses where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	First-class railway expenses, or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost, with subsistence allowance not exceeding £2 8s. 6d. for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	
6. Travelling and overnight subsistence expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks (including any expenses incurred in conveying the ballot boxes in those cases in which presiding officers or poll clerks are responsible for the transport of the boxes to or from the polling stations).	Second-class railway expenses, or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost, with subsistence allowance to presiding officers not exceeding £1 18s. and to poll clerks not exceeding £1 13s. 6d. for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	

7. Travelling and overnight subsistence expenses of clerical and other assistants employed by the acting returning officer or deputy acting returning officer where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	Second-class railway expenses, or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost, with subsistence allowance not exceeding £1 13s. 6d. for each night spent necessarily away from home on account of duty.
8. For printing and providing ballot papers ...	Actual and necessary cost.
9. For printing and providing official poll cards	Actual and necessary cost.
10. For printing and providing notices and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing same.	Actual and necessary cost.
11. For the renting of any building or room for the purpose of the election and for expenses of heating, lighting and cleaning any building or room.	Actual and necessary cost.
12. For adapting and fitting up any building or room for the purpose of the election and restoring it to fit condition for its normal use including the provision of voting compartments and any necessary furniture.	Actual and necessary cost.
13. For providing ballot boxes, including any repairs.	Actual and necessary cost.
14. For the conveyance of ballot boxes and ballot papers in those cases where the cost of transport is not included in the travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks under Head B (I) 6.	Actual and necessary cost.
15. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered or repaired.	Actual and necessary cost.
16. For copies of the register	Actual and necessary cost.
17. For general stationery, postage, telegrams, telephone calls, bank charges and miscellaneous expenses.	Actual and necessary cost.
II. In an uncontested election:— For all necessary preliminary work	Actual and necessary cost within the above scale, not exceeding under Head B (I) 4 for clerical and other assistance one quarter of the allowance for a contested election.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations, which are made by the Treasury in pursuance of Representation of the People Act, 1949, S. 20 (2), prescribe, in relation to England and Wales, a revised scale increasing the maximum charges in respect of services rendered and expenses incurred by a returning officer at a parliamentary election.

1958 No. 952

The Returning Officers' Expenses (Scotland) Regulations, 1958

Made - - - -	10*th June*, 1958
Coming into Operation	11*th June*, 1958

The Treasury, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section twenty of the Representation of the People Act, 1949(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. A returning officer at a parliamentary election in Scotland shall be entitled to his reasonable charges, not exceeding the sums specified in the Scale set out in the Schedule to these Regulations, in respect of services and expenses of the several kinds mentioned in the said Scale which have been properly rendered or incurred by him for the purposes of or in connection with that parliamentary election:

Provided that no charge for a disbursement shall exceed the sum actually and necessarily paid or payable by the returning officer.

2. These Regulations shall have effect in relation to all parliamentary elections begun after the 10th day of June, 1958.

3. The Returning Officers' Expenses (Scotland) Regulations, 1950(b), and the Returning Officers' Expenses (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952(c), are hereby revoked:

Provided that nothing in this revocation shall affect any parliamentary election begun before the 11th day of June, 1958, and the said Regulations shall be deemed to continue in force for the purposes of any parliamentary election so begun.

4.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Returning Officers' Expenses (Scotland) Regulations, 1958.

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

5. These Regulations shall come into force on the 11th day of June, 1958.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1958.

Martin Redmayne,
Edward Wakefield,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68. (b) S.I. 1950/895 (Rev. XX, p. 159: 1950 II, p. 656).
(c) S.I. 1952/1364 (1952 III, p. 2838). (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.