STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 71

REGISTRATION OF VITAL EVENTS

The General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Laid before the Assembly in draft

| Made | - | - | - | - | 6th March 2014 |
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| Coming | into | oper | atior | 1 | 31st March 2014 |

The Department of Finance and Personnel makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 47(1) and (2) of the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(1), Articles 3(3)(b), 19(1)(a), 35(3), 36(1)(b) and (3) and 37 of the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(2), and Section 157(1) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(3).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

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1.—(1) This order may be cited as the General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 31st March 2014.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(4) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Fees payable

2. The fee payable under a statutory provision specified in column 1 of the Schedule in respect of the matter specified in relation to it in column 2 shall be the fee specified in relation to it in column 3.

Revocation

3. The General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012(5) is hereby revoked.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1976/1041 (N.I. 14); Article 47(1) was amended by section 22 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.) and Article 47(2) was amended by paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 1999/663

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2003/413 (N.I. 3)

⁽**3**) 2004 c. 33

^{(4) 1954} c. 33 (N.I.) (5) S. P. 2012 No. 442

⁽⁵⁾ S.R. 2012 No. 443

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 6th March 2014.



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SCHEDULE

Article 2

FEES PAYABLE

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Statutory Provision | Service | New Fee | Old Fee |
| | | £p | £p |
| Births and Deaths R | egistration (Northern Ireland) Or | der 1976 (N.I. 14) | <u> </u> |
| Article 34(2) and (4) | General search of indexes | 7.00 | 14.00 including 2 verifications (4.00 for each further verification) |
| | Basic index search ^(*) | Nil | |
| | Enhanced index search ^(**) | 40 pence per credit | |
| | Particular search | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| | Certified copy of any entry in a register | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article $34(A)(1)^{(a)}$ | Remote access to information contained in the registers | | |
| | Basic index search | Nil | |
| | Enhanced index search | 40 pence per credit | |
| | To view a record in the registers | 5 credits (40 pence per credit) | |
| | Access in General Register Office to any information contained in the registers | | |
| | To view a record in the registers | 5 credits (40 pence per credit) | |
| Article 37(5) | Recording under Article 37(3) or (4), change of name or surname | for second or subsequent | |
| Article 37(4C) ^(b) | Individual notification of a change of name or surname | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 38 | Search in a register in a registrar's office | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| | Certified copy of entry in a register | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 40 ^(c) | Short Birth Certificate: | | |

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
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| Statutory Provision | Service | New Fee | Old Fee |
| | | £p | £ p |
| | First copy issued at time of registration of the birth | Nil | Nil |
| | Particular search | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| | Any copy issued thereafter | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 40 | Still-Birth Certificate: | | |
| | First copy issued at time of registration of the still-birth | Nil | Nil |
| | Particular search | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| | Any copy issued thereafter | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 40A ^(d) | Short Death Certificate: | | |
| | First copy issued at time of registration in relation to the death of an infant child under 1 year old when birth and death are registered simultaneously | Nil | Nil |
| | Particular search | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| | Any copy issued thereafter | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 40B(3) ^(e) | Individual notification of a birth or death registration | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 42(1) | For the purposes of the enactments specified in Schedule 1 to that Order but not the Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (N.I. 13) or Friendly Societies Act 1974 (c. 46) | | |
| | Certified copy of an entry | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| | For the purposes of the Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 and the Friendly Societies Act 1974 | | |
| | Certified copy of an entry | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 42(3) | Furnishing information for the purposes of any enactment specified in Schedule 1 to that Order | 8.00 | 8.00 |

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
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| Statutory Provision | Service | New Fee | Old Fee |
| | | £p | £p |
| Section 30 | Commemorative copy of birth, death, marriage or civil partnership entry | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Section 31 | Entry in Record of Northern Ireland Connections register under Section 31(2) (to include copy of entry) | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| | Search of indexes | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| | Document relating to an entry in the Record of Northern Ireland Connections | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| | General search of indexes | 7.00 | 14.00 including 2 verifications |
| | | | (4.00 for each further verification) |
| Marriage (Northern | Ireland) Order 2003 (N.I 3) | 1 | 1 |
| Article 3(3)(b) | Marriage notice | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| Article 19(1)(a) | Solemnisation of a civil marriage | 36.00 | 36.00 |
| Article 35(3)(a) | Search of indexes | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| Article 35(3)(b) | Document relating to an entry in a marriage registration record | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 35(5) ^(f) | Remote access to information contained in the registers | | |
| | Basic index search ⁽¹⁾ | Nil | |
| | Enhanced index search ⁽²⁾ | 40 pence per credit | |
| | To view a record in the registers | 5 credits (40 pence per credit) | |
| | Access in General Register Office to any information contained in the registers | | |
| | To view a record in the registers | 5 credits (40 pence per credit) | |
| Article 35A(3) ^(g) | Individual notification of a marriage registration | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Article 36 | Document relating to the registration of marriages for | 8.00 | 8.00 |

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
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| Statutory Provision | Service | New Fee | Old Fee |
| | | £p | £p |
| | the purposes of any prescribed statutory provision | | |
| Article 37 | General search of indexes | 7.00 | 14.00 including 2 verifications (4.00 for each further verification) |
| | Basic index search | Nil | |
| | Enhanced index search | 40 pence per credit | |
| Article 37 | Attendance by the registrar at his Office on Monday-Friday after 5pm or Saturdays 9am-5pm for the purpose of solemnising a civil marriage | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| Article 37 | Attendance by the registrar at his Office on a Sunday, a Bank Holiday or a Saturday after 5pm for the purpose of solemnising a civil marriage | Sunday, a Bank urday after 5pm | |
| Article 37 | Waiving of marriage notice period (excluding death bed notice period) | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| Civil Partnership A | ct 2004 (2004 c.33) | I | |
| Section 139(2)(b) | Civil Partnership notice | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| Section 155(3)(a) | Search of indexes | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| Section 155(3)(b) | Document relating to an entry in a civil partnership registration record | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Section 155(6) ^(h) | Access in General Register Office to any information contained in the registers | | |
| | To view a record in the registers | 5 credits (40 pence per credit) | |
| Section 155A(3) ⁽ⁱ⁾ | Individual notification of a civil partnership registration | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Section 156(1) | Document relating to the registration of civil partnerships for the purposes of any prescribed statutory provisions | 8.00 | 8.00 |

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| Statutory Provision | Service | New Fee | Old Fee |
| | | £p | £p |
| Section 157(1)(b) | Waiving of civil partnership notice period (excluding death bed notice period) | | 22.00 |
| Section 157(1)(b) | Registration of civil partnership | 36.00 | 36.00 |
| Section 157(1)(b) | General search of indexes | 7.00 | 14.00 including 2 verifications (4.00 for each further verification) |
| | Basic index search ⁽³⁾ | Nil | |
| | Enhanced index search ⁽⁴⁾ | 40 pence per credit | |
| Section 157(1)(b) | Attendance by the registrar at his Office on Monday-Friday after 5pm or Saturdays 9am-5pm for the purpose of registering a civil partnership | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| Section 157(1)(b) | Attendance by the registrar at his Office on a Sunday, a Bank Holiday or a Saturday after 5pm for the purpose of registering a civil partnership | | 180.00 |

(a) Paragraph 34A(1) was inserted by section 14 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(b) Paragraph (4C) was inserted by section 16 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(c) As amended by section 18 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

(d) Article 40A was inserted by section 11 of 2011 c. 20 (N. I.)

(e) Article 40B was inserted by section 19 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)

- (f) Article 35(5) was inserted by section 23 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)
- (g) Article 35A was inserted by section 24 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)
- (h) Section 155(6) was inserted by section 23 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)
- (i) Section 155A was inserted by section 24 of 2011 c. 20 (N.I.)
- (*) Basic birth index search displays forename and surname, year of birth, sex, mother's maiden surname, registration number and district of registration.

Basic death index search displays forename and surname of deceased, year of death, sex, registration number and district of registration.

(**) Enhanced birth index search displays basic index information along with date of birth, district of birth, father's forename and surname and surname.

Enhanced death index search displays basic index information along with date of death, date of birth, and marital status.

- (1) Basic marriage search displays surname of bride and groom, forename of either bride or groom, year of marriage, registration number and district of registration.
- (2) Enhanced marriage search displays basic index information along with date of marriage, place of marriage, date of birth of bride and groom and age at marriage of bride and groom.
- (3) Basic civil partnership search displays surname of partner 1 and partner 2, forename of either partner 1 or partner 2, year of civil partnership, registration number and district of registration.

(4) Enhanced civil partnership search displays basic index information along with date of civil partnership, place of civil partnership, date of birth of partner 1 and partner 2 and age at civil partnership of partner 1 and partner 2.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the various fees payable under the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 relating to searches in registers, viewing records, and the provision of certificates. It also provides for fees in relation to change of name services, the provision of commemorative certificates, the individual notification of registration events and entries in the Record of Northern Ireland Connection. It also provides for the various fees payable under the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and the Civil Partnership Act 2004 relating to giving notice for intended marriage or civil partnership, the solemnisation of marriage and registration of civil partnership, searching and viewing marriage and civil partnership records and providing marriage and civil partnership certificates.

This Order revokes and replaces the General Register Office (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012.