
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe and increase fees payable in respect of certain matters to the Certification Officer under the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (“the 1992 Order”) and the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (“the 1995 Order”). The fees were previously prescribed in the Certification Officer (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (“the 1995 Regulations”) as amended by the Certification Officer (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996. The 1995 Order repealed and replaced certain provisions of the 1992 Order which were referred to in the 1995 Regulations. These Regulations refer to the corresponding provisions of the 1995 Order.

The following fees have been increased by these Regulations:

- (a) the fee payable on application for the entry of the name of any organisation of workers or of employers whenever formed is increased from £50 to £55 (regulation 2).
- (b) the fee payable on an application by a trade union for a certificate of independence is increased from £740 to £760 (regulation 3).
- (c) the fee payable on application by a trade union or unincorporated employers' association for approval of a proposed instrument of amalgamation or transfer is increased from £980 to £1005 (regulation 4).
- (d) the fee payable on application by a trade union or unincorporated employers' association for approval of a change of name is increased from £50 to £55 (regulation 5).

The Certification Officer (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 ([S.R. 1995 No. 133](#)) and the Certification Officer (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 ([S.R. 1996 No. 214](#)) are revoked.