

**2007 No. 39**

**LANDLORD AND TENANT**

**The Prescribed Fees and Charges Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2007**

*Made* - - - - - *25th January 2007*

*Coming into operation* *1st April 2007*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 25(4), 36(2) and 72(1) of The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006(a):

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Prescribed Fees and Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2007.

(2) In these Regulations:—

“the Order” means The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

**Rate of Interest**

2. Schedule 1 shall have effect for prescribing the rate of interest on expenses incurred under Article 25 of the Order.

**Amount of fees**

3. Schedule 2 shall have effect for prescribing the amount of fees payable in respect of an application under Articles 33 or 35 of the Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 25th January 2007.

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## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2

(1) The rate of interest payable on expenses recoverable under Article 25(4) of the Order shall be one percentage point above LIBOR on a day-to-day basis.

(2) In this Schedule, LIBOR means the sterling three-month London interbank offered rate in force during the period specified in Article 25 (4) of the Order.

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3

**Table 1**

**Inspection fees chargeable by a district council for the inspection of a dwelling house under Articles 33 or 35 of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006**

Initial inspection fee	£50
Re-inspection fee	£100

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Article 36 (2) of The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 permits a district council to charge a fee to a landlord or tenant in respect of an application to conduct an inspection of a dwelling house, which is let or to be let under a private tenancy, in order to determine whether the dwelling house is fit for human habitation.

Article 25 of the Order permits a district council to charge the costs of carrying out works specified in a notice of unfitness or notice of disrepair to the person on whom the notice was served, together with interest at a rate to be prescribed by the Department.

These regulations specify the amount of fee which can be charged in respect of an application to have an inspection for fitness carried out. The rate of interest which can be charged on expenses incurred under Article 25 is also specified.