

2010 No. 291

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010

Made - - - - *3rd September 2010*

Coming into operation - *29th October 2010*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 13 (2), 16 (3), 17 (3), 40 (7) and 48 (2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(a).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and shall come into operation on 29th October 2010.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005(b).

Amendment of the Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs:

(2) In regulation 3 (Registration fees) —

(a) After paragraph (1) (c) (c) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph —

“(d) an application by a person seeking to be registered under Part III of the Order as a person who carries on an agency, which is a voluntary adoption agency, shall be nil.”;

(b) After paragraph (2) (c) (d) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph —

“(d) in the case of an application referred to in paragraph (1) (d), nil.”;

(c) After paragraph (3) (c) (e) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph —

“(d) in respect of a voluntary adoption agency, shall be nil.”.

(a) S.I. 2003/431 (N.I.9)

(b) S.R. 2005 No. 182 as amended by S.R. 2006 No.341 and S.R. 2007 No.223

(c) Paragraph (1) (c) was inserted by S.R. 2007 No.223

(d) Paragraph (2)(c) was inserted by S.R. 2007 No.223

(e) Paragraph (3) (c) was inserted by S.R. 2007 No.223

(3) In regulation 4 (Variation Fees)—

- (a) After paragraph (1) (c) **(a)** there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph —
“(d) in the case of a voluntary adoption agency, nil.”;
- (b) After paragraph (2) (c) **(b)** there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph —
“(d) in the case of an application referred to in paragraph (1) (d), nil.”;
- (c) After paragraph (3) (c) **(c)** there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph —
“(d) in the case of an application referred to in paragraph (1) (d), nil.”.

(4) In regulation 5 **(d)** there shall be inserted at the end of the Table the following entry in the appropriate columns —

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
Voluntary Adoption Agency	Nil	Nil	

3. In regulation 6 (Frequency of Inspections) **(e)**—

- (1) in paragraph (1) for “paragraphs (2) to (5A)” **(f)** there shall be substituted
“paragraphs (2) to (5B)”.
- (2) after paragraph (5A) there shall be inserted the following paragraph —
“**(5B)** An agency, whose premises are used as a voluntary adoption agency, shall be inspected, on a minimum of once every 3 years”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 3rd September 2010



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations further amend the Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (the principal regulations).

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends Part II of the principal regulation to include reference to Voluntary Adoption Agencies which are to be regulated from 29th October 2010.

Fee charges for these new establishments and agencies have been set at nil pending full consideration and review of an appropriate fee charging structure.

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- (a) Paragraph (1) (c) was inserted by S.R. 2007 No.223
 - (b) Paragraph (2) (c) was inserted by S.R. 2007 No.223
 - (c) Paragraph (3) (c) was inserted by S.R. 2007 No.223
 - (d) Regulation 5 was amended by S.R. 2006 No.341 and S.R. 2007 No.223
 - (e) Regulation 6 was amended by S.R. 2007 No.223
 - (f) Inserted by S.R. 2007 No.223

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