
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (as amended) (the principal Regulations) and they come into operation on 1st April 2022.

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations as follows—

The fee payable to a district council when an application for building regulations approval is made to erect one or more small domestic buildings (Schedule 1) is increased by 35% in two increments. The first increment increases fee by 17.5% from 1st April 2022 with the second increment coming into force from 1st April 2023.

The fee payable to a district council when an application for building regulations approval is made to extend or alter a small building (Schedule 2) is increased by 35% in two increments. The first increment increases fee by 17.5% from 1st April 2022 with the second increment coming into force from 1st April 2023.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been carried out in respect of the amendment to the Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997. Copies may be downloaded from “www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/building-regulations-and-energy-efficiency-buildings” or alternatively, hard copies may be requested from Building Standards Branch, Department of Finance, 6th Floor, Goodwood House, 44-58 May Street, Belfast, BT1 4NN.