

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations enable local housing authorities to make charges for dealing with applications for first registration of houses in multiple occupation and applications for renewal of registrations where a registration scheme made under Part XI of the Housing Act 1985 as amended by the Housing Act 1996 contains control provisions preventing multiple occupation without registration.

The amount which may be charged is at the discretion of the authority subject to a maximum of £60 multiplied by the number of rooms of a type normally used in the locality as a living room or a bedroom. The charge which may be made on renewal is half the charge that would then have been payable on an application for first registration of the house.

Where a house which is required to be registered under a new registration scheme was registered under a previous registration scheme, any charge paid under the Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991 or under these Regulations or a fee paid under the Houses in Multiple Occupation (Fees for Registration Schemes) Order 1997 in the five year period prior to the date the new scheme comes into force shall be deducted from the amount otherwise payable.

The Houses in Multiple Occupation (Charges for Registration Schemes) Regulations 1991 are revoked with savings for registration schemes made under Part XI of the Housing Act 1985 prior to its amendment by the Housing Act 1996. Section 70(4) of that Act provides that these registration schemes shall cease to have effect at the end of two years after the amendments came into force, that is on 3rd March 1999.