

## 1977 No. 1861

## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES ETC.

## ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees)  
Order 1977**

*Made* - - - - - 15th November 1977

*Laid before Parliament* 18th November 1977

*Coming into Operation* 1st January 1978

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 5(1) to (3) of and Schedule 3 to the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968(a), and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) Any reference in this Order to any provisions made by or contained in any enactment or instrument shall except so far as the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which it re-enacts or replaces or which may re-enact or replace it, with or without modification.

(2) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this Order, and for the purposes of any revocation or repeal effected by it as if this Order and the Orders revoked were Acts of Parliament, as if any such revocation were a repeal and as if any such repeal were a repeal by Act of Parliament.

*Variation of fees*

3. The enactments specified in column 2 of the Schedule (which relate to the fees payable in respect of the matters mentioned in column 3 of the Schedule) shall be amended, where the sum specified in column 5 of the Schedule to this Order differs from that specified in column 4 of the Schedule, by substituting for the sum specified in column 4 of the Schedule the sum specified in column 5 thereof.

(a) 1968 c. 14.

(b) The Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968, Article 2, S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585) (transferring all functions of the Minister of Health to the Secretary of State).

(c) 1889 c. 63.

*Fee ceasing to be payable and repeal of superseded enactment*

4. The fee payable under section 11 of the Places of Worship Registration Act 1855(a) for the issue of a certificate of a place having been recorded by the Registrar General as a place of meeting certified for religious worship shall cease to be payable and in the said section 11 the words “on payment to him of a fee of two shillings and sixpence” are hereby repealed.

*Revocations*

5. The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1968(b), the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Amendment) Order 1968(c) and the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1975(d) are hereby revoked.

*David Ennals,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

15th November 1977.

(a) 1855 c. 81.  
(c) S.I. 1968/1309 (1968 II, p. 3633).

(b) S.I. 1968/1242 (1968 II, p. 3354).  
(d) S.I. 1975/1291 (1975 II, p. 4358).

## Article 3

## SCHEDULE

## VARIATION OF FEES

1	2 Enactment specifying fees	3 Matter for which fee is payable	4 Old fee	5 New or continuing fee
1855 c. 81.	Places of Worship Registration Act 1855 Section 5	Certification of place of meeting for religious worship	£3.00	£5.00
1887 c. 40.	Savings Banks Act 1887 Section 10	Certificate of birth, death or marriage, for purposes of certain Acts	75p	£1.00
1938 c. 69.	Young Persons (Employment) Act 1938 Section 5	Copy of entry in birth register for purposes of that Act	75p	£1.00
1944 c. 31.	Education Act 1944 Section 94(1)	Copy of entry in birth register for purposes of certain Acts	75p	£1.00
1949 c. 76.	Marriage Act 1949 Section 27(6)	Entry in marriage notice book	£2.00	£3.00
	Section 32(5)	Licence for marriage	£8.00	£12.00
	Section 41(6)	Registration of building for solemnisation of marriages	£12.00	£20.00
	Section 51	Fee of registrar for attending marriage	£3.00	£5.00
	Section 57(4)	Sum paid to incumbent, etc., for every entry contained in quarterly certified copies of entries of marriages	50p	50p

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	Section 63(1)	Certified copy of entry issued under that subsection— (i) When application is made at the time of registering or to a registrar (ii) in any other case	£1.25 £2.50	£1.25 £2.50
	Section 64(2)	General Search of indexes of register books kept by superintendent registrars Certified copy of entry issued under that subsection	£6.00 £2.50	£8.00 £2.50
	Section 65(2)	Certified copy of entry, following search of indexes kept at General Register Office	£2.50	£2.50
1950 c. 28.	Shops Act 1950 Section 35	Copy of entry in birth register for purposes of that Act	75p	£1.00
1953 c. 20.	Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 Section 13(2) Section 30(2) Section 31(2) Section 32	Issue of certificate of baptism Certified copy of entry, following search of indexes kept at General Register Office General Search of indexes kept by superintendent registrars Certified copy of entry issued under that subsection Certified copy of entry in registers kept by registrars	50p £2.50 £6.00 £2.50 £1.25	50p £2.50 £8.00 £2.50 £1.25

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	Section 33(1)	(i) Short certificate of birth obtained at the time of registration, or if more than one such certificate is obtained, the first of these (ii) Any other short certificate of birth obtained from a registrar (iii) A short certificate of birth obtained in any other case	NIL £1.25 £1.25	NIL £1.25 £1.50
1961 c. 34.	Factories Act 1961 Section 178(1)	Extract of entry in birth register, for purposes of that Act	75p	£1.00
1974 c. 46.	Friendly Societies Act 1974 Section 106 and Schedule 5, paragraph 8	Certificate of birth or death for purposes of certain Acts	75p	£1.00
1975 c. 14.	Social Security Act 1975 Section 160(2)	Certificate of birth, death or marriage for purposes of certain Acts	75p	£1.00

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order increases and consolidates various fees payable under the Acts relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages and associated matters. Article 4 abolishes the fee for the Registrar General's certificate of recording the certification of a place of meeting for religious worship.

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