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**1986 No. 696 (L. 4)**

**MATRIMONIAL CAUSES  
SUPREME COURT OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
COUNTY COURTS**

**The Matrimonial Causes Fees (Amendment) Order 1986**

*Made - - - - - 10th April 1986*  
*Coming into Force 5th May 1986*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 51 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (a) and with the concurrence of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes Fees (Amendment) Order 1986 and shall come into force on 5th May 1986.

2. Schedule 1 to the Matrimonial Causes Fees Order 1980 (b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Fee 2 for the figure “£12” there shall be substituted the figure “£15”.

(2) After Fee 2 there shall be inserted the following fees:—

“2A. Applications concerning Children

On an application for an order relating to the custody or education, access, committal to care of, or provision of supervision for, a child, except where the application is for an order by consent £15

2B. Other Applications in Proceedings

On any application in matrimonial proceedings, except where it is otherwise provided in this Schedule, or is for an order by consent, made—

(i) to a Registrar £10

(ii) to a Judge £15

2C. Appeal from a Registrar

On filing a notice of appeal from a Registrar to a Judge £10”

(3) In Fee 3 after the words “Divorce Registry” there shall be inserted the following:—

“for any specified period of ten calendar years, or if no such period is specified, for the ten most recent years and providing a certificate of decree absolute, where appropriate”

(4) For Fee 4 there shall be substituted the following:—

“4. Copies of Documents

(i) Personal Applications

For a copy of any document, whether or not issued as an office copy, per page—

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(a) 1973 c.18. (b) S.I. 1980/819, as amended by S.I. 1981/1515, 1982/1708 and 1983/1686.

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(a) Typewritten	50p
(b) Carbon or photographic	25p
(ii) Postal Applications	
For handling a postal application in the Divorce Registry, and where appropriate supplying the first four photographic copies and for each page after the fourth, a further fee of	£1 25p

Note.

No fee is payable for supplying a Court Welfare Officer's Report."

3. Schedule 3 to the Matrimonial Causes Fees Order 1980 shall be amended as follows:—

(1) After Fee No. 1 there shall be inserted the following fee:—

"1A Applications for Directions for Trial  
On an application for directions for trial in a defended cause      £30"

(2) After Fee 3 there shall be inserted the following fee:—

"4. Financial Relief after Overseas Divorce Etc.  
On sealing an originating summons in proceedings under part III of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (a) for an order—

(i) under section 24	£15
(ii) under section 13, save where Fee 4(i) has been paid	£15

Note.

No fee is payable on a summons for an order under any other provision of Part III of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984".

Dated 8th April 1986.

*Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.*

*Donald Thompson,  
Tristan Garel-Jones,*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of  
Her Majesty's Treasury.

Dated 10th April 1986.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order increases the fee on an application for ancillary relief and introduces new fees for applications concerning children, appeals from a registrar to a judge, applications fixing a date for a defended cause, applications for financial relief after overseas divorce etc. and all other interlocutory applications.

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(a) 1984 c.42.



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