
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1933

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND

FEES

**The Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal
Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2003**

*Made (Approved by the
General Synod) - - 11th July 2003*
Laid before Parliament 6th August 2003
Coming into force - - 1st January 2004

We, the Fees Advisory Commission constituted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986(1), in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 do hereby order as follows:—

1. The fees appearing in the Tables of the Schedule to this Order are established and are substituted for the fees appearing in the Tables of Schedule 1 to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Other (Fees) Order 2002(2). The Tables of the Schedule to the Order contain particulars of the fees which are to be received, after the commencement of this Article:—

- (a) by the ecclesiastical judges and legal officers named in that Schedule for carrying out by them of the duties of their offices specified in that Schedule; and
- (b) by diocesan boards of finance in respect of the matters specified in Part II of Table I of that Schedule.

2. The Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Other (Fees) Order 2002 is hereby revoked.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph nothing in this Order shall preclude a diocesan board of finance from agreeing to pay an additional fee to a diocesan registrar by way of annual fee or retainer (hereinafter called a “supplementary annual fee”) which is in addition to the annual fee or fees prescribed by Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.

(2) An agreement made under sub-paragraph (1) above shall be expressed to be an agreement for a payment by way of supplementary annual fee.

(1) 1986 No. 2; amended by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (1991 No. 1), Schedule 6, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1995 (1995 No. 2), section 14, the Care of Places of Worship Measure 1999 (1999 No. 2), Schedule 2 and the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2000 (2000 No. 1), section 16

(2) S.I. 2002/1892

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(3) An agreement made under sub-paragraph (1) above shall be in writing. The period for which the agreement is to run shall be stated in the agreement. In the absence of any such statement the agreement shall remain binding until determined by not less than three months' notice on either side.

(4) The body responsible for paying a supplementary annual fee shall be the diocesan board of finance.

4. A fee specified in the Schedule to this Order (other than a fee specified in Part II of Table I of that Schedule) shall be increased by a sum for reasonable expenses of travel, subsistence, accommodation and the holding of court hearings.

5. Where Value Added Tax is chargeable in respect of the provision of any service for which a fee is prescribed in this Order there shall be payable in addition to that fee the amount of the Value Added Tax.

6.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2003.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the first day of January 2004.

Dated this third day of June 2003

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Clerk to the Synod, Approved by the General
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the 11th day of July 2003

SCHEDULE

TABLE I

FACULTY AND OTHER FEES

Except where the contrary intention appears, this Table and Table II apply to the following proceedings—

- (a) Faculty petitions and other faculty proceedings (including appeals);
- (b) Proceedings for an injunction or a restoration under section 13(4) and (5) of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (including appeals); and
- (c) Proceedings under section 4 of the Care of Cathedrals (Supplementary Provisions) Measure 1994(3) (including appeals).

PART I

	<i>Dean of the Arches, Vicar General or Chancellor</i> £	<i>Registrar or other Officers by usage performing the duty</i> £
1. Archdeacon's Faculty – Fee payable on lodging petition (rule 3).	–	54
2. Chancellor's Faculty. 36 Fees payable on lodging petition (rule 3)	36	83
3. Additional fees where 130-205 the Chancellor has ordered under rule 25 that the proceedings are to be determined upon consideration of written representations, such fees, and by whom they are to be paid, to be fixed by the Chancellor within the limits shown.	130-205	84-123
4. On the registrar referring 36 a petition in respect of which a fee has become payable under paragraph 1 of this Table to the Chancellor under rule 6(5), 7 or 9, the petitioner, if he wishes to proceed, shall pay a further fee of	36	31
5. Fees on the Judge, Court or registrar giving other directions (otherwise than at a		

(3) [1994 No. 2](#)

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	<i>Dean of the Arches, Vicar General or Chancellor</i> £	<i>Registrar or other Officers by usage performing the duty</i> £
hearing in respect of which fees are payable under paragraph 6 of this Table), such fees, and by whom they are to be paid, to be fixed by the Judge within the limits shown—		
(a) (a) on a pre-trial of the case as a whole under rule 18—		
(i) directions given by Judge	79-237	54-156
(ii) directions given by registrar	—	79-237
(b) (b) on giving of other directions—		
(i) directions given by Judge or Court	32-94	23-61
(ii) directions given by registrar	—	32-94
6. Fees where the issue, whether opposed or unopposed, whether interlocutory or final, is to be heard in Court or in Chambers before the Chancellor’s Court, the Vicar-General’s Court, the Arches Court of Canterbury or Chancery Court of York, or the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved—		
(a) (a) if the case lasts half a day or less	246	187
(b) (b) if the case lasts a whole day or more than half (fees on same scale for subsequent days)	415	311
7. Fee on the Judge or other member of the Court preparing a written judgment or drafting the form of order or both, such fee to be at the hourly rate shown and in respect of the number of hours certified by the	38	—

	<i>Dean of the Arches, Vicar General or Chancellor</i>	<i>Registrar or other Officers by usage performing the duty</i>
	£	£
Judge or other member of the Court as spent in such work, and by whom the fees is to be paid to be determined by the Court.		
<p>8. Preparatory and ancillary – work and correspondence (if any) in relation to petition for faculty, appeal or other proceedings – not to exceed without the sanction of the Judge</p> <p>(a) (a) No fees are payable under paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 to the members of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved.</p> <p>(b) (b) In the case of the Arches Court of Canterbury or the Chancery Court of York (constituted in accordance with section 47(1)(b) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963(4))–</p> <p>(i) any fee payable under paragraph 5(b) to the Dean of the Arches shall be payable to each member of those Courts who joins in the giving of directions within that sub-paragraph;</p> <p>(ii) any fee calculated in accordance with paragraph 6 payable under that paragraph to the Dean of the Arches shall be payable to each member of those Courts; and</p>	36	

(4) 1963 No.1. Section 47 was amended by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, Schedule 4 paragraph 8.

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	<i>Dean of the Arches, Vicar General or Chancellor</i>	<i>Registrar or other Officers by usage performing the duty</i>
	£	£
<p>(iii) a fee calculated in accordance with paragraph 7 shall be payable to each member of those Courts who prepares a separate written judgment or who is principally responsible for drafting the form of order or both.</p> <p>(c) (c) All other fees of the Registry (otherwise than in respect of an unopposed faculty petition which is not the subject of a hearing before the Consistory Court) are to be paid on the same scale as allowed for Court fees, from time to time, in the Supreme Court of Judicature.</p> <p>(d) (d) “Judge” means the Chancellor or Presiding Judge of the Appellate Court.</p> <p>(e) (e) Where the Vicar-General’s court of the Province of Canterbury exercises the faculty jurisdiction of the Consistory Court by virtue of section 3(5) (a) of the Care of Places of Worship Measure 1999(5), “Chancellor” shall be taken as referring to the Vicar-General and “registrar” shall be taken as referring to the registrar of</p>		

	<i>Dean of the Arches, Vicar General or Chancellor</i>	<i>Registrar or other Officers by usage performing the duty</i>
	£	£
the province of Canterbury acting as registrar of the Vicar-General's court.		
(f) (f) References to Rules are to the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2000(6), and reference to any provision of the Rules shall include references to the corresponding provision of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules (Care of Places of Worship) Rules 2000(7) applying to faculty proceedings in relation to buildings, curtilages, objects and structures which are subject to the faculty jurisdiction by virtue of section 3(2) of the Care of Places of Worship Measure 1999.		

PART II

On the lodging of a petition for a faculty in respect of any building or part of a building any curtilage of a building or any object to structure fixed to a building or part of a building or within its curtilage, which is subject to the faculty jurisdiction by virtue of section 3(2) of the Care of Places of Worship Measure 1999, a fee of £142 shall be payable to the Diocesan Board of Finance (within the meaning of the Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure 1925) of the diocese concerned (in this Order called "the Board") in respect of work done in relation to the petition (before or after it is lodged) by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and any such work done by any archdeacon in the diocese.

Provided that:—

(1) The Board may in its discretion waive the whole or part of that fee in a particular case where it considers that such waiver is appropriate having regard to any financial contribution to the funds of the diocese made by those responsible for the building concerned, those who worship regularly in that building or any other persons who in the Board's opinion have a substantial interest in or connection with that building; and

(6) [S.I. 2000/2047](#)

(7) [S.I. 2000/2048](#)

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(2) No fee shall be payable under this part of this Table in respect of any faculty petition relating to a building, part of a building, curtilage, object or structure where the building concerned is one specified in section 1(2)(e) or section 3(5) of the Care of Places of Worship Measure 1999.

TABLE II

ADDITIONAL FEES PAYABLE IN CONNECTION WITH APPEALS

	<i>Fee</i>
	<i>£</i>
<p>1. Application under rules 4-6 for leave to appeal or to determine the Court to which appeal lies or both. To be paid to the registrar specified below by the applicant on lodging the application—</p> <p>for judge at first instance, or for the Dean of the Arches and Auditor if application is made to him</p>	86
<p>for registrar of the Court of first instance or, if the application is made to the Dean of the Arches and Auditor, for the registrar of the appellate court</p>	50
<p>2. Appeal from decision of the Court or Vicar-General's Court. To be paid to the registrars by the appellant on lodging the notice of appeal—</p> <p>to the registrar of the court of first instance</p>	165
<p>to the registrar of the appellate court</p>	84
<p>Plus a fee, to be fixed by the registrar of the appellate court, in respect of the cost of preparing for the use of the members of the court five copies (in the case of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved) or three copies (in the case of the Arches Court of Canterbury or the Chancery Court of York constituted in accordance with section 47(1)(b) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963) of the following documents—</p> <p>(i) the record of the proceedings at first instance and any other documents and exhibits transmitted by the registrar of the court of first instance to the registrar of the appellate court;</p>	
<p>NOTES</p> <p>(a) Reference to rules are to the Faculty Jurisdiction (Appeals) Rules (S.I. 1998/1713).</p> <p>(b) The fees set out above are in addition to those set out in Table I.</p>	

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	<i>Fee</i>
	<i>£</i>
(ii) the note by the judge of the proceedings at first instance	
to be paid to the registrar of the appellate court by the appellant when assessed by the registrar.	
3. Petition for Review under rule 17. To be paid to the registrar of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved by the petitioner on lodging petition.	165
4. Interlocutory application within rule 19. To be paid to the registrar of the appellate court by the applicant on lodging the application	23
5. Appeal against the decision of the registrar of the appellate court on an interlocutory application. To be paid to the registrar of appellate court by the appellant on lodging notice of appeal.	23
NOTES	
(a) Reference to rules are to the Faculty Jurisdiction (Appeals) Rules (S.I. 1998/1713).	
(b) The fees set out above are in addition to those set out in Table I.	

TABLE III

FEES FOR PROCEEDINGS IN RESPECT OF ECCLESIASTICAL OFFENCES

This Table applies to proceedings (including proceedings authorised to be taken and appeals) of the description specified in sections 6(i)(a) or 10(i)(a) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963.

	<i>Judge</i>	<i>Registrar</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
1. Fees payable on the Judge or Court giving directions (otherwise than at the hearing in respect of which fees are payable under paragraph 2 of this Table), such fees to be fixed by the Judge within the limits shown	32-237	23-156
2. Fees payable where the issue, whether interlocutory or final, is heard in Court or in Chambers—		
(a) (a) if the case lasts half a day or less	246	187

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	<i>Judge</i> £	<i>Registrar</i> £
(b) (b) if the case lasts a whole day or more than half (fees on same scale for subsequent days)	415	311

3. Fee on the Judge 38 preparing a written judgement or drafting the form of order or both, such fee to be at the hourly rate shown and in respect of the number of hours certified by the Judge as spent on such work.

4. On an appeal to the Arches Court of Canterbury, the Chancery Court of York or the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved, a fee, to be fixed by and paid to the registrar of the appellate court, in respect of the cost of preparing for the use of the members of the Court five copies of the following documents

- (a) (a) the notice of appeal;
- (d) (d) all other documents required for the use of the Court.

5. Fee in respect of all other work carried out by the Registrar in his capacity as such, in relation to proceedings to which this Table applies, on or after the date on which the proceedings were instituted in accordance with the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963 or on which a person was authorised to act as complainant in accordance with that Measure (including preparatory and ancillary work and correspondence) – the fee to be calculated at an hourly rate fixed by the Judge in respect

	<i>Judge</i>	<i>Registrar</i>
	£	£
of the number of hours certified by the registrar and approved by the Judge as spent on such work..		
(a) (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) below, paragraphs 1-3 above apply to the Consistory Court, the Arches Court of Canterbury, the Chancery Court of York and the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved.		
(b) (b) “Judge” means the Chancellor or other presiding Judge of any Court concerned, provided that no fees are to be payable under this Table to any member of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved.		
(c) (c) “Registrar” means the registrar of the Consistory Court, the Arches Court of Canterbury, the Chancery Court of York or the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved.		
(d) (d) Subject to any other order or direction by any Court concerned, fees under this Table are to be paid in accordance with section 62 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963 or as they were costs or expenses to which that section applies.		

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TABLE IV
FEES PAYABLE ON TAXATION OF COSTS

fill;	<i>Fee</i> £
1. To be paid to registrar by party applying for taxation on lodging application	21
2. To be paid to registrar by party applying on taxation of a bill of costs—	
(a) (a) where the amount allowed not exceed £1,000	50
(b) (b) where the amount allowed exceeds £1,000	
(i) for the first £1,000	50
(ii) for every £20 or fraction thereof over £1,000	0.50

TABLE V
FEES PAYABLE FOR PERMISSIONS UNDER THE OVERSEAS AND OTHER CLERGY (MINISTRY AND ORDINATION) MEASURE 1967(8) AND ANNUAL FEES PAYABLE TO THE VICARS-GENERAL

	<i>Fee</i> £
1. Fee payable to the Provincial Registrar for permission under the Overseas Clergy (Ministry and Ordination) Measure 1967.	64
2. Annual Fee for the Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury	1,893
3. Annual fee for the Vicar-General of the Province of York.	1,537

NOTE

These fees are the liability of the Archbishop, subject to the provisions of section 8 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.

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TABLE VI

FEES FOR DUTIES UNDER THE PATRONAGE (BENEFICES) RULES 1987(9)

Fees for work by the diocesan registrar in connection with—

- (a) any search in the register of patrons (“the register”) maintained under Part I of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986(10) (rule 10(1));
- (b) the making of any extract from the register (rule 10(1));
- (c) supplying a certified copy of any entry in the register (rule 10(2));

except so far as the work is within the scope of the annual fee payable to the diocesan registrar under the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order for the time being in force made under section 5 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.

Fees payable to the diocesan registrar to be calculated in accordance with the Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration Order 1994(11) and to be payable by the person making the search to extract or requesting the certified copy.

NOTE: References to rules are to The Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987.

TABLE VII

FEES FOR ELECTIONS TO THE GENERAL SYNOD

Fees for duties required to be performed as presiding officer at elections to the Lower Houses of the Convocations or to the House of Laity of the General Synod, payable to the diocesan registrar where he acts as presiding officer	Such fees, or fees calculated on such basis, as may be agreed from time to time between the diocesan registrar and the diocesan board of finance.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases the fees fixed by Table I of the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers (Fees) Order 2002 (“the 2002 Order”) in relation to faculty proceedings (including proceedings in cases under the Care of Places of Worship Measure 1999), proceedings for an injunction or a restoration order under section 13(4) and (5) of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (including appeals) and proceedings under section 4 of the Care of Cathedrals (Supplementary Provisions) Measure 1994(12) (including appeals), and the fees fixed by Table III of the 2002

(9)
(10) 1986 No. 3
(11) S.I. 1994/2616
(12) 1994 No. 2

S.I. 1987/773

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Order for proceedings in respect of ecclesiastical offences under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963, including the provision for all cases where proceedings have been instituted under that Measure or where a person has been authorised to lay a complaint under the Measure, and appeals.

The Order also increases the additional fees for appeals fixed by Table II of the 2002 Order and the fees for taxation of costs in Table IV of the 2002 Order (Other than the fees of £50 and 50p payable on taxation of costs, which are fixed at percentage of the £1,000 and £20 figures to which they relate).

The Order also increases the fees payable to the provincial registrars and the Vicars-General under Table V. Table VI, which provides for certain fees for duties under the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 to be calculated in accordance with the Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration Order 1994, and Table VII, which provides for certain fees for elections to the General Synod, or the basis on which they are to be calculated, to be agreed between the diocesan registrar and the diocesan board of finance, remain as in the 2002 Order.

The revised fees will come into force on 1st January 2004.